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## STORM'S VISIT TO SURVEYORS

Men Engaged on E. & N. Location Work Have Unpleasant Christmas

## SOME NARROW ESCAPES

Giant Fir Crashes Down on Tents and Nearly Catches Their Inmates

Alberni, Dec. 28.—Barefooted, in six inches of snow, and with only their night clothes to protect their bodies from the cold and sleet that prevailed, a number of members of one of the E. & N. survey parties engaged on the revision of the railway location at this end of the line experienced remarkable escapes from death in the early hours of Christmas morning.

The party was camped in the tall timbers on F. Cowley's ranch, four miles north of Alberni, and the surveyors were asleep when, about 1:30 o'clock, there was a crash in the camp, followed by cries. Some of the men sprang instantly from their bunks, and without waiting to dress themselves, rushed out into the cold and darkness to discover the cause of the trouble. A tent occupied by E. R. Leach and Langford, chalmers, had collapsed under the weight of snow that had accumulated on it, and the occupants were buried under the debris.

Al. C. McQuarrie, chief draftsman, was one of the first to leave his bed and scarcely had he emerged from his canvas covering when it also collapsed. Leach and Langford were extricated practically unharmed from the ruins of their quarters, and the men then set to work removing the snow from the other tents. While they were thus engaged, a windstorm sprang up, and the additional task of strengthening the tents became necessary. Mr. McQuarrie's tent was set up again, and about 2:30 o'clock the members of the party, all suffering from the exposure they had undergone, returned to their bunks. In the meantime the storm had become violent, and the swaying, groaning and falling trees began to be heard in the neighborhood, while branches were being whirled against tents.

Herbert Rolston, head chairman, became alarmed and left his quarters. No sooner had he done so than a Douglas fir 210 feet in length, and measuring fifteen feet in circumference at the stump, fell across his tent and smashed to splinters the bunk he had just deserted. The big tree also crashed through Mr. McQuarrie's tent, the trunk falling against the foot of his bed, while the branches completely covered him and pinned him down where he lay. Once more the camp turned out. When Mr. McQuarrie was released he was found to be uninjured except for a few slight scratches that did not require surgical attention.

The storm continued till 5 o'clock, and through it all, constantly dodging flying sprigs and watching for more trees to fall, the men worked to save the camp from obliteration. It was noon time when order was restored.

The storm of Christmas morning was one of the fiercest that has been experienced in this district for years, though it was not as severely felt in town as the winter storms of last year and the year before. While it raged, some alarm was felt, but there was no damage done either in old or new Alberni. The road between here and Nanaimo was badly blocked by fallen timber. The tri-weekly mail stage that should have left Alberni on Friday morning was not able to get over the summit, a distance of seven miles, till Saturday afternoon, and it was late at night when it reached the Halfway House, where it stopped for the night.

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There has been no stage in since Thursday evening, and none is expected before Tuesday.

## U.S. Fleet Passes Aden

Aden, Arabia, Dec. 28.—The sixteen battleships composing the United States Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed this port today bound for Suez. The fleet left Colombo, Ceylon, December 20th.

## Sultan's Generosity

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—At today's sitting of the new Turkish parliament the president announced that the Sultan had decided to build, at his own expense, a new parliament house with adequate accommodation for the two branches of the legislature.

## C.P.R. Engine Wrecked

Grand Forks, B.C., Dec. 28.—The engine of a C.P.R. freight train jumped the track at the bridge near Fife, B.C., on Saturday afternoon. Both the engineer and fireman jumped, the latter being severely bruised. The engine now lies at the bottom of the embankment; the rest of the train remained on the track.

## Working of Parole Law

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Dominion parole officer Edmund arrived in Winnipeg today to put into effect the juvenile delinquent act. Manitoba province is to apply for a royal proclamation under the act. He says in nine years, 20,000 convicts were released under the parole system, of whom 13,000 secured full liberty, 35 only returning to criminal life. He thinks British Columbia will be the next province to adopt the act.

## Ontario Nominations

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 28.—Nominations for mayor were: John Newstead (present occupant of the mayoralty chair), Aldermen Thorpe, Penfold, Simpson and Nelson and George Hastings.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 28.—Aldermen W. G. Bailey and Alderman G. I. MacLaren were nominated today for the mayoralty.

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—Mayor Stevely and Fred Darch were nominated for the mayoralty here today.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 28.—Nine candidates were nominated here for the mayoralty. They are: F. J. Harding, W. Pollock, P. E. Campbell, N. J. Fraid, W. J. Deruchie, Dr. Munro, A. Denny, Dr. W. C. McGuire and A. C. Fetterly.

## CANAL COMMISSION FINDS ENOUGH LABOR

All Agencies for Employment of Workers Are Closed Except Two

Washington, Dec. 28.—With the early arrival in Washington from Paris of Leroy Parks, of the Italian canal commission, there will be signalled an epoch in the construction of the canal. Officers of the commission are now certain that they have solved the labor problem that once was so vexing, and have instructed Mr. Parks, its labor agent in Europe, to close his office in Paris and return to the United States.

The withdrawal of the labor agent is not designed to stop immigration from Europe to the canal zone, but is in harmony with the closing of labor agencies in various parts of the world. Instead of three agencies in the United States, the number has been reduced to one, with Henry A. Smith in charge in New York, and instead of two in the West Indies, henceforth there will be only one, and that in the Bermudas. The one in the Bermudas and the one located in New York will be the only agencies maintained by the government.

It is explained at the office of the commission that the maximum force now has been employed. Henceforth the work is to be confined to actual canal building. Municipal work, erecting houses, installing water and sewer systems and road-making are said to have reached the stage where most of the expenditures for them will be for maintenance. Men previously employed in these lines of work are being transferred to other departments, and thus the demand for new men has been materially reduced. It is found helpful to keep one or two agencies open in order to supply laborers for emergencies and to guard against any contingency.

## TEN KILLED

Cave-in of Trench at Birmingham, Ala., Blast Furnace Plant Entombs Laborers

Birmingham, Dec. 28.—Two bodies have been recovered and eight more are known to have been buried in the cave-in of the trench at the blast furnace plant at Ensley tonight. Several other laborers and two foremen were injured. Most of the dead are foreigners. The men were excavating for a new gas line. When the earth fell it broke down the brick work at the end of the big four-foot gas main, and immediately immense quantities of gas were poured in upon the entombed men.

## FOR RAILWAY TERMINALS

Heavy Purchases of Land for Hill Roads at Head of False Creek, Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Consent for the Hill railways announced today that the recent purchase of land made on the east end of False Creek were made with a view of establishing permanent terminals in Vancouver. Approximately a million dollars' worth of property has changed hands during the last ten days in connection with the deal.

## Nova Scotia Lumber Deal

Halifax, Dec. 28.—The properties of the Alfred Dickie Lumber Co., in Nova Scotia, have been sold to an English syndicate headed by Sir Thos. Trowbridge. The price is \$1,156,500. The deal was put through by the Royal Bank of Canada.

## HAVOC WROUGHT BY EARTHQUAKE

Death and Ruin Are Spread Through Several Cities of Southern Italy

## THOUSANDS ARE KILLED

Great Tidal Wave Following Shock Aids in Work of Destruction

Rome, Dec. 28.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio de Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot" were devastated today by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the country.

The town of Messina, in Sicily, was partly destroyed and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen, and many persons have been killed. Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain an approximate idea of the vast damage done.

The fate of entire districts within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to late tonight indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction of life and property more frightful than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation has filled all Italy with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country which seems to have been most blessed by nature will be destroyed by the blind force of that same nature which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal wave which followed the earthquake shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that thousands of people were killed in that place. The rushing waters carried everything before them and caused an indescribable confusion.

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through interruptions to the telephone and telegraph, and landslides that obstructed the railways. Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day, while the first news from Messina came in the form of a despatch which a torpedo boat, flying at full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph wires were found to be intact. From this point the despatch was sent. It briefly stated that the situation was desperate, and that the town of Messina, under the local station of torpedo boats, was buried under the debris, after having, with other officials, performed heroic work in trying to save others. The Italian government has proceeded energetically to concentrate at the points of greatest need troops and engineers. Members of the Red Cross were despatched to various places, and camps, and provisions were immediately prepared, all available railway lines and warships being used for their transportation.

## Thousands Killed.

The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming indirectly from that quarter stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed. A steamer reached Catania, loaded with injured, who were so afflicted by terror that they seemed unable to realize that had happened, simply saying that it looked as though the end of the world had come. Five steamers left Catania for Messina to assist in removing the injured from that place, who are reported to number thousands.

At Catania the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to re-enter their houses, and are camping on the squares which are free from water. The tidal wave sank five hundred boats there, and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Buda.

Not only did Catania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave, but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina which flank the harbor, covering them with a thick layer of mud which rendered difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage. It is reported that the villages of Faro and Ganzirre, adjoining Messina, have disappeared.

The effects of the earthquake were aggravated by fire from an explosion of gas. The flames, which crept along several of the streets, added terror upon terror.

In Calabria the region around Monteleone was most affected. The village of Stefania, the inhabitants of which number 2,300, was practically destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured. Monsignor Morabito, the Bishop of Mileto, who distinguished himself in the earthquake of 1905, did valiant work again today, rushing into places where the ruin was the greatest, and brought aid and encouragement to all. Thousands of people abandoned their homes, although a terrible rainstorm prevailed, and filled the air with lamentations and prayers. In some places, such as Brizzio, Santa Severina and Piscopio, the people had the courage to enter their churches almost while they were falling, and carry out the saints. They bore these in procession through the open country, invoking the mercy of God. In the mountainous regions, the population has taken refuge in caves, where peasants and priests, soldiers

and persons of gentle birth, are living in common. Their bed is on the ground, and fires burn to keep off wild animals.

## Great Tidal Waves.

Extraordinary scenes are reported at Catania following a violent earth shock at 5:20 a.m., the sea having risen in a tremendous wave which wrecked many smacks. A secondary tidal wave caused further great damage and wrecks.

Awakened by the shock, the inhabitants fled panic-stricken from their homes into the streets and squares. Processions were organized and all the churches were filled with weeping crowds, imploring divine mercy. Cardinal Nava, archbishop of Catania, exhorted the people to be calm. He promised that the body of St. Agatha should be carried around in procession. St. Agatha is regarded as the special deliverer from all scourges.

While the number of deaths at that place is not believed to be large, there were several tragic occurrences. Among the children swept away by the tidal wave was a boy 15 months old who was torn from the arms of his mother. The mother, too, was overcome by the force of the water and lost consciousness. Her body was caught by a railing and remained there until she was rescued.

Midnight reports state that Reggio, the capital of the province of Reggio di Calabria, eight miles from Messina, on the opposite side of the straits, has met the same fate as Messina, but the reports have not been confirmed owing to the lack of telegraphic facilities. A very severe shock was felt at Catanzaro, a city of Sicily, and although much damage was done, no one was killed. The shock created great alarm, and notwithstanding the downpour of rain the whole population remained in the streets throughout the day and marched in religious processions.

The Pope is greatly distressed at hearing of the catastrophe which has afflicted the loyal population in the south. He could hardly credit the truth of the despatches declaring the devastation and fatalities as ten times greater than in 1905. After kneeling fervently in prayer, His Holiness arose and said as he said three years ago, that he felt his place amongst his suffering children. It was his firm intention to order that instructions be given for the beginning of the journey, but his physicians and those in attendance upon him insisted that it would be impossible for him to undertake such a fatiguing expedition in the present condition of his health.

A flying squadron, composed of the battleships Victoria Emmanuel, Regina Elena and Napoli, has been ordered to Messina. They will arrive Tuesday morning, together with steamers carrying supplies and troops. Signor Bertolini, the minister of public works, left here tonight for the south. Altogether 2,000 troops have been sent southward from this city in the past 18 hours, while from other military posts about 15,000 men are now on their way to Calabria and Sicily.

## Much Destruction

Canitania, Dec. 28.—Hundreds of workmen were set to the task of removing the wreckage and repairing the railway between here and Messina. The distance is nearly sixty miles, but late tonight, communication by rail between the two towns was resumed. The first small train over the line brought a number of injured but the story that they told of disaster was very much confused. Their reports seem to make the damage done less serious than at first reported. Several quarters of the town were destroyed, and the magnificent cathedral, of the Norman period, was damaged. The dome, however, remained standing, the palace of the prefect being untouched.

Palermo, Dec. 28.—Reports from all the towns and villages around Messina state that serious damage has been done by the earthquake, and that the number of victims is large. The greatest damage was done to buildings, and the town of Florida Rota, Chiaramonte, Vittoria, Paterno, Terra Nova, Marianopol, and Faro. At Mineo, there were a number of shocks. At Augusta, which once before was destroyed by an earthquake, the tidal wave today wrecked the government salt works. The prisoners employed there mutilated, but the military was eventually suppressed. The Santa Maria college at Ali, a little place between Messina and Catania, was overthrown. Several girls students were buried in the ruins. The steamer Piedmonte, carrying 300 passengers, 300 children and 50 men who were injured at Messina. After transferring the wounded to the hospital, started back for the stricken city. There is no doubt that a large portion of Messina has been destroyed. To add to the terrible effects of the disaster thieves were even at work getting into various points and stealing everything they could lay their hands on, not stopping at robbing the injured as they lay helpless, and the dead. Stenches were broken out, and great disorder and even terrorism prevailed for a time. The authorities, however, promptly took the most stringent measures to maintain order, and those who were caught in acts of incendiarism and robbery were severely dealt with.

## LOST IN WOODS

A Nanaimo Indian Disappears—Joss House at Coal City Destroyed in Heavy Gale

Nanaimo, Dec. 28.—A Nanaimo Indian named Wm. Quatsam, has been lost in the woods near Nanoose Bay since Tuesday last. On Tuesday Quatsam, in company with two other Indians, left Nanoose on a deer hunting expedition. During the day the men separated, and toward evening two of the number returned to camp. Quatsam, however, did not put in an appearance. On Thursday his friends became alarmed at his non-appearance and instituted a search, but to no avail. A third search party returned home Saturday evening with no news of the lost man. The missing Indian is about fifty years of age, and even should he be only lost in the woods, and not killed by accident, discharging his rifle, or by falling over a bluff, as some of his friends fear might have happened, the severe storms that have raged throughout the district the past few days would undoubtedly go hard with him.

The Chinese joss house, a new building in course of erection in the new Chinese quarter of this city, was demolished by the heavy gale on Friday afternoon. The prospective joss house now lies a sorry wreck, to the Chinese infinite dismay. Two weeks ago, when the Chinese had this building up to the height of two stories, it collapsed for some unknown reason, but the citizens of the Sunshine Kingdom hastened to counteract the work of the "devils" and by Xmas Eve had accomplished the raising of the third story. Their efforts were doomed to failure in Friday's blow, which brought the uncompleted structure down with a crash.

## EAST INDIANS IN CALM MOOD

National Congress Assembles in Different Spirit From That of Last Year

## DR. GHOSE IS OPTIMISTIC

Reform Plan Proposed by Lord Morley A Cordial Response

Madras, Dec. 28.—The Indian national congress was opened in this city today with 2,000 delegates in attendance. Emphatic approval of the reform plan for India, advanced by Lord Morley, the Indian chief secretary, was expressed.

The session today was entirely harmonious, and reflecting this year promises to clear the air and put a damper upon the activities of the agitators who recently have caused much anxiety.

At the last meeting of the congress, just a year ago, opposition to the election of Dr. Ghose as president resulted in a free fight, and was the cause of congress being indefinitely postponed. Referring to the Morley reforms, Dr. Ghose declared today that they had broken up the sinister clouds which had hung over India for the last twelve months, and he said they would give India something like a constitutional government instead of the unpopular autocratic regime.

Continuing, Dr. Ghose criticized all repressive legislation. He said British suzerainty could not be shaken by a "few flasks of poison" or a few pounds of powder, and he hoped that the genuine cooperation of the Indians with the British government would lead to the obtaining of colonial self-government.

## BALKAN QUESTIONS MAY YET BE SETTLED

Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria Carry on Negotiations—Border Skirmish

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Count Palavtinski, the Russian ambassador to Turkey, today has interviews with the Grand Vizier and Tewfik Pasha, the minister of foreign affairs. He found them both ready to accept the suggestion for a settlement of the Bosnia and Herzegovina question. The count was informed, however, that the Ottoman ambassador at Vienna had been instructed to open negotiations with Baron Von Tschirch, the Austrian ambassador in Constantinople, and the opinion was expressed that with the good will of all sides a satisfactory agreement would be reached. It is understood that the Porte will shortly invite Bulgaria to send delegates to resume negotiations for a settlement of the Turco-Bulgarian questions.

Vienna, Dec. 28.—Some excitement was aroused in this city today by exaggerated reports of an alleged fight between Austrian and Serbian troops near Zielesing, a village of Bosnia. The war office, however, received a despatch on the occurrence which shows that it was of little importance. On Dec. 27, some Serbian peasants fired on an Austrian patrol and wounded a soldier. The patrol returned the fire and two of the peasants were killed.

## EDMONTON OUTPLAYED

Match for Stanley Cup Won by Montreal Wanderers by Score of 7 to 3

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The Edmonton challengers for the Stanley cup were defeated tonight in the first of the two games by the champion Wanderers by a score of 7 goals to 3. The Edmonton team started out well, and had the better of the play in the first half, scoring three goals to the Wanderers two. In the second half they were outplayed from the start, and in 45 minutes the Wanderers scored the goals that tied the score. They took the lead in 12 minutes and then tallied five more goals in short order.

The chances of the western team were considerably weakened by an injury to Philip, who, near the end of the first half, during which he had played brilliant hockey was struck over the foot and for the rest of the game, played in great pain. As he was also one of the best of condition, the weaker of the Edmonton line. Philip, on the other hand, was also not up to form.

The rest of the players played good hockey, though they showed lack of condition in the closing stages of the game. The Wanderers checked hard with every body in the first half and the news of this was soon visible in the second period of play. The game, however, was not rough.

Three players from each side were benched in the first half and one from each side in the second. The penalty time for each team 35 minutes. Harry Smith for the Wanderers scored four of the seven goals. Upwards of 5,000 people witnessed the game.

## Toronto Tragedy.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—J. Foy, of Morse street, was killed his wife this afternoon and then tried to commit suicide by jumping into Ashbridge Bay. He was pulled out and arrested.



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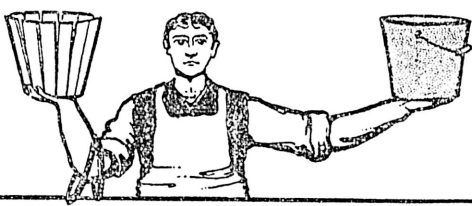
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## ARTISTS TELL OF THEIR WORLD TOURS

Madame Goodson and Hartmann to Appear This Evening

To be literally crowned with laurel, an honor usually applied to great artists in the figurative sense—was the experience of Madame Katharine Goodson, the great English pianist, who is in Victoria preparatory to her concert tonight with Arthur Hartmann, the Hungarian violinist. Madame Goodson came to Victoria from Australia, via Honolulu, returning from a concert tour that encircled the globe. It was on her departure from Honolulu that the great pianist, who gave one concert in that city, received her laurel wreaths.

Madame Goodson, whose career since her debut in Boston a few years ago, has been meteoric, spent three months in Australia, where she met with a most enthusiastic reception. On leaving Sydney for America to give a concert tour on January 8, she expected that arrangements would be made by her manager for a concert in Honolulu. However, she missed the cablegram addressed to her at Piji, and arrived at Honolulu without any information regarding her concert. When the vessel docked one morning,

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again to New York, taking in Chicago, Denver and other cities. I have played the Pacific coast cities on the present tour, and from Victoria will go to Spokane, Denver, the middle west, the east and then to the south.

The programme here will include some of Grieg's sonatas, which I had the pleasure of playing with the distinguished composer himself, on one of his Norwegian tours. Another will be a composition by Savret, who has recently done us the honor of dedicating a work to me. Another piece will be my arrangement of Macdonell's works. When I was informed of the illness of the great American composer, I arranged a series of his music, and played it in my concerts, the royalties going to his family. I shall play "The Cradle Song" here. I shall also play the "Zephyre" by Hubay, the Hungarian composer, who is one of my great friends.

"I shall be in America by contract until May 15, 1909, and after that I have an offer to go to Mexico. If this does not materialize I shall return to

versal interest, while abounding throughout in dialogue and absorbing situations. The names of Arthur Forrest, Thurlow Bergen, Ken Bosworth, Harry Gibbs, Ann Warington and Mary Bertrand appear in the supporting cast. Under the direction of John Cort, the usual attractive Roberts' production is furnished.

### Pantages Theatre

There are five acts on the bill again this week and the show sent is different in some respects from the list of attractions announced on the programme. It being impossible for the Morrison company to make the long jump from San Francisco in time for the opening night, Stuart, a Russian violinist of great ability and Jesse Clipper, a black face comedian, were sent as a substitute. The remainder of the show is as announced, with "Silent" Tait as the main attraction, with his ingeniously arranged burlesque on a musical performance. He is assisted by his wife and they are quite entertaining. The Durbelle sisters do a very clever shadowgraphic exhibition, and Crane brothers are rubes from Mudville. The illustrated song by Harry De Verra "Are You Sincere?" and the biograph are pleasing.

## "CINDERELLA" CHARMS BOTH OLD AND YOUNG

Pleasing Ball Given at Government House in Aid of Hospital

The grand ballroom at Government House presented a very brilliant scene from an early hour last evening until late this morning at the Cinderella ball, which was held under the auspices of the Daughters of Pitt, within its spacious bounds, through the courtesy of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsinuir. The affair was in aid of the funds of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. The ballroom was elegantly decorated with the hospital's chosen colors—red and white—while a great red cross, the honored badge of the hospital workers, was displayed in a most conspicuous position at the west end of the ballroom. The attendance was very large, the total number of guests who appeared upon the ballroom floor and in the handsome balconies, halls and assembly rooms, being something like a thousand. Miss Thain's orchestra furnished the music and gave unqualified satisfaction both to the committee of management and the guests.

The ballroom was divided into two distinct portions, the earlier part of the evening being devoted to the children, who entered into the festivities with the greatest zest and enthusiasm, and the later part to their elders. Dancing began very promptly at 7:30 o'clock, and until 10 o'clock the children and the pretty "not-yet-outs" with their partners and friends, held the floor, while the grown-ups watched the pleasant scene from the floor and the balconies. Punctually at 10 o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsinuir passed from the thronged entrance way to the head of the ballroom, the orchestra playing the National Anthem, and the younger children with their youthful friends being formed into a double line and headed by two young girls bearing immense floral horse shoes, formally marched past punctiliously courtesying and bowing to His Honor and Mrs. Dunsinuir as they gracefully crossed the upper portion of the room.

Mrs. Dunsinuir wore a lovely gown of pale pink satin, beautifully embroidered with pearls and diamond ornaments. The formal march-past being concluded, several very pretty and varied evolutions were not only very graceful in design, but were successfully executed as to elicit most hearty plaudits from the spectators. Some two hundred children and young people in fancy dress were present, and the general effect was of the most brilliant possible description.

The supper room was then thrown open to the children, and the "not-yet-outs," and they all enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

Some 800 tickets were previously sold, and in addition, a goodly number paid at the doors, and the ladies who have taken so much trouble to ensure the complete success of this most delightful spectacle, expect to add at least \$700 to their funds. The officers and members of the Daughters of Pitt especially desire to express their deep sense of the kindness of the Lieutenant-Governor, who has undertaken to defray all the expenses which they have incurred. The Daughters of Pitt having recently assumed the maintenance charges of the new children's ward at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, will apply the proceeds of this most successful Cinderella ball to this purpose. The honorary president of the order is Mrs. Hasell. The president, Miss Marion Fell; the vice-president, Mrs. Charles E. Wilson; the treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Hiscock, and the secretary, Miss Lowell.

These officers and about forty members of the order formed the reception committee, and performed their arduous duties in a most pleasant and efficient manner. Especial acknowledgments are due to Mrs. George A. Simpson for her untiring efforts in promoting the undertaking, in particular for arranging and superintending the grand march, which concluded the first portion of the ball.

This is the second Cinderella ball which has taken place at Government House, and is not only much more successful than its predecessor, but by far the most largely attended of all the balls which have had the promotion of the financial well-being of the Jubilee hospital, as their supreme object.

### LOCATE DRAIN ROUTE

Big Surface Drain on Cook Street to Run Past Cemetery

Work will soon commence on the construction of the large surface drain from the end of the present drain, corner of Cook and View streets, southward along Cook street to Snowden street and along the latter thoroughfare to the seashore near the cemetery. The work will call for an outlay in the neighborhood of \$45,000 and will be the most expensive portion of the system to be installed under the new sewerage works. The present by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$150,000.

For some time city workmen have been busy making soundings along the route from Cook street straight through to the seashore. It was found that in some places a considerable quantity of rock would be encountered

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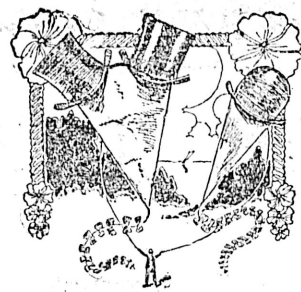
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## COUNCIL DIVIDED ON AMOUNT OF GRANT

But Decide to Let Electors Say How Much Tourist Association is to Get

That the electors of the city shall have the opportunity of saying whether the city shall make the larger or smaller grant to the Tourist Association of \$7,500 towards the work of that body for the coming year, was decided upon by the city council last evening when a resolution providing for the taking of a referendum on the question was passed. The aldermen as a whole were in favor of the referendum idea but there was a difference of opinion as to the amount which the electors should be called upon to sanction.

The resolution was proposed by Alderman Henderson and seconded by Alderman Cameron. The resolution drew attention to the fact that owing to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to be held in Seattle during 1909 Victoria should make extra efforts to attract the many visitors to that event to this city. He suggested that if the council considered that \$7,500 was a large sum the amount could be changed, but it was most advisable that the electors should be given an opportunity of saying just what they wished to be done. He felt that should the referendum carry, it would be a public expression of the course which the people wished the council to follow not only for next year, but for subsequent years until some definite expression of opinion to the contrary were expressed.

Alderman Norman suggested that an alternative amount be stated so that the electors could express their opinion on either. He felt that perhaps the amount of \$7,500 would be objected to though the electors might consent to, say \$4,000.

### Favored Referendum

Alderman Cameron favored the referendum idea. It was the only way to ascertain just what the people wanted. There had been considerable discussion on the matter of a grant to the Tourist Association and he knew that some were not friendly to it, but by a referendum all would have an opportunity of expressing their wish and the council would thus have something definitely to go upon.

Alderman Gleason suggested that perhaps it would be wiser to submit a referendum say for \$5,000, that amount to be voted for a term of, say, three years. He felt that there would be no opposition to a larger vote for next year in view of the Seattle exposition, and the ratepayers doubtless felt that an extra effort should be made but it was for the succeeding years when the course of the council should be indicated.

Alderman Mable wanted to know who would have the right of voting on the referendum, only the ratepayers or the whole body of the electorate. If the latter was the case, he felt that it would be an unfavorable one. He was prepared to wager that no \$7,500 grant would be authorized, though Alderman Meston was sure that the electors would as willingly authorize an expenditure of \$7,500 or \$5,000.

Alderman Gleason made a statement made by the deputation which waited upon the council recently to the effect that owing to the work of the Tourist Association business men of the city had so profited that their businesses had increased greatly. If such were the case he was sure that the very business men would be willing to contribute towards the association's work.

### No Pay, No Vote

Alderman Hall did not think it was right that electors who are not also ratepayers should vote on a money grant which would come out of the pockets of the ratepayers only. The raising of the amount required should be done by bylaw, only those entitled to vote on money measures being given the opportunity of voting. If a referendum is taken it will mean that many who would not have to contribute one cent towards the grant will probably have the say in whether the grant shall be made or not.

Alderman Henderson objected to raising money by bylaw. That would mean binding the city for a certain term of years. He firmly believed in the good work being done by the association and it should be encouraged so long as it proves a benefit to the city.

Alderman Hall referred to the fact that Victoria has already urged upon the Dominion government the necessity of making a proper exhibit at the exposition, one which will advertise British Columbia, and it would not now look well for the citizens of Victoria to turn down the work of the association.

Alderman Pauline pointed out that the assessment of Victoria during the past year had increased on the basis of the city had given to the association last year was a paltry \$4,000. He felt that it would be a great mistake if the citizens now voted against the grant of \$7,500, and if they did he would be greatly surprised.

Mayor Hall stated that from estimates made by those who are managing exhibition matters they will be at least half a million people visiting the exposition who will also take the trip across the Sound to Victoria.

Finally on the vote being taken the first suggestion to submit a referendum on the question of whether the council shall grant \$7,500 to the Tourist Association was passed unanimously. The vote will be taken on the date of the civic elections, January 14 next.

### Complain of Contract

Still more complaints have been made as to the manner in which the city let the contract for the hauling of the garbage to Capt. Gardiner instead of, as J. A. Price and J. Goodman, tug owners, claim in their communications, calling for tenders so that every one desiring to do so might submit tenders. Both gentlemen declare that the council in not calling for tenders was acting contrary to the public welfare and that its proceeding was certainly not businesslike.

Alderman Pullerton thought that tenders should have been called for. The city might have made a good bargain with Capt. Gardiner and he was not going to say that the latter would not give entire satisfaction. But as a matter of principle, tenders should be let by the city until the public is given an opportunity of tendering. He had heard many complaints from people in his ward as to the action of the council and in fact a public meeting would probably be held when the matter would be discussed. Per- D. Dowler, Director of Ceremonies, F. M. Hardy, Chaplain, George Kirkendale, Tyler, Fred. Stockham. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation a banquet was served and the balance of the evening spent in a social manner.

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### Favors Tenders.

Alderman Norman was also in favor of calling for tenders. Alderman Gleason declared that as a member of the committee which made the arrangement with Capt. Gardiner, he was proud of it, and was prepared to defend his action on the public platform. He evidently figured that the contract may yet become a matter of municipal politics.

It was a remarkable thing, Alderman Gleason declared, that despite the fact that the council is doing the very best in the interests of the public, there should be so many "kickers." Under the contract with Capt. Gardiner he agrees to dispose of 50 per cent. more garbage next year than last and at the same cost. This will mean a saving to the city of over \$1,500. Alderman Gleason claimed that one of the men complaining had had the contract before and there had been trouble.

The contract, which was finally decided upon and will be signed within a day or two, runs for two years. Some of the aldermen felt that the council had the right to bind next year's council but the city solicitor stated that the contract would be valid.

### Object to Rates

The suggested water rates which the finance committee, by which body the question of new rates has been considered, submitted at the last meeting for the council did not come up for consideration but a special meeting will likely be held this week when the matter will be fully gone into. While the figures already published were merely suggestions, complaints have already been sent to the council by those who do not consider that the rates published are equitable.

Senator Macdonald wrote asking that the council reconsider its determination to levy a water main frontage tax of three cents per foot. He points out that the whole of such a rate should not be levied upon property holders who have already so generously voted money bylaws, thereby placing full confidence in the aldermanic body that nothing would be done of an unfair character. Property owners, Senator Macdonald points out, pay the interest on the public debt, and all charges such as for the water works system and also pay the full charges for water while not receiving any more benefit than the householder or tenant. He suggests that a general rate be levied upon all consumers to meet the required revenue.

James Ferguson also sent in a remonstrance against the proposed rates claiming that under them a poor working man living in a four room house without a meter will be called upon to pay a rate of \$1.00 a month or about four times as much as a man who lives in a larger house but is paying by meter. Mr. Ferguson expressed his opinion that the council is following its old practice of favoring the classes to the detriment of the masses, and claims that the council should have the right of inspecting the books of the water company's department when probably a number of discrepancies in water charges would come to light. Mr. Ferguson also asks why it would not be better to have all houses metered.

### Will be Considered.

Both the above communications were filed and the writers will be heard when the question of rates is now under consideration. Alderman Cameron pointing out that Mr. Ferguson is mistaken in saying that \$1.00 a month is about four times as much as would be charged where a meter is used. The lowest rate, whether by meter or by a minimum rate, that will be a minimum rate. As to meters the city has just placed the contract for one half of the supply of meters which will be used in metering all houses.

The request of Wilson Bros. and the J. Wilson Company, Limited, for permission to run a spur track from the E. & N. railway terminal into their new warehouse on Chatham street will be granted on the following conditions: That the company will have the work done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the city engineer; will protect the public in an efficient manner; make the street in proper condition after the completion of the work and be responsible for all claims for damage which may arise. The agreement will be revocable at the will of the council and in such case

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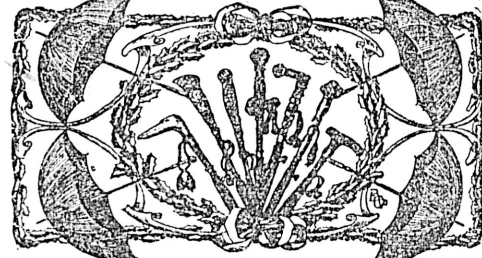
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Sometime subsequently, however, Parsons, who was a millstone cutter, went down to the Columbia river to follow his trade, his wife remaining here, and died there. While not long afterwards his widow married Wm. Gray, a carpenter by trade, and an old friend, as he came out to this country with them on the Norman Morrison. They removed to Esquimalt, where her second husband possessed considerable property, and not many years afterwards Gray dying in turn, his widow lived in one of the houses which he left her, until the 17th of May in the year 1908, when she concluded an arrangement with the management of the Aged Women's home, and made her final change of residence. Under this arrangement she transferred nine lots at Esquimalt, upon which there was an encumbrance of \$700, and the management agreed to make suitable provision for her for the balance of her life.

All the immigrants who came to Esquimalt in 1850 upon the Norman Morrison were employees of the Hudson Bay company, with a single exception, a Highlander, somewhat advanced in years, whose mission it was to teach the intricacies as well as the transcendent beauties of the Gaelic language to Capt. Grant's young people at Sooke, but this immigrant dying during the trip was buried at sea. And there were found some on board ill-natured enough to say that he was sent away from Scotland for the purpose of saving the expense of interfering him at home. This gentleman presented two small and interesting pictures to the ship's surgeon, Dr. Helmecken, and these somewhat ancient relics of a past age are still in existence.

By many of the older residents of this city Mrs. Gray was supposed to have been the first white woman to arrive in this province, but it appears that this is not the case, as one Mrs. Stuart, not long previously, preceded her. Nor was Mrs. Parsons the only woman in the company as some have imagined, three or four others being fellow-immigrants.

### Veterans of 1866.

The Veterans of 1866 Association, Toronto, Ontario, are about to petition the next Dominion parliament in the interests of the men who served during the Fenian raid of 1866, for an allotment of 100 acres of land in the Northwest Territories. The petition is now in the hands of Ed. Scrope Stinson, R.C.A., at 1746 Fort street, Victoria, B.C. Those interested and desirous of signing, can do so by calling anytime between 9 and 12 o'clock a.m. during this week, at above address.

### STANTON vs. NELSON

Nanaimo, Dec. 28.—Arrangements are under way for a boxing match to be pulled off in this city in about two weeks between Rod Stanton, the clever lightweight boxer of this city and Oscar Nelson, of Vancouver, who is well known locally. Stanton has demonstrated his cleverness in ring generalship in Nanaimo on several occasions recently, and the sporting fraternity are assured that the honor of Nanaimo will be creditably sustained.

## PIONEER PASSES TO HER LAST REST

Late Mrs. Gray Was One of the Earliest Women Immigrants

Another of the pioneers, a fast lessening band, crossed the great divide at an early hour yesterday morning at the Aged Women's home, when Mrs. Gray, who has found a refuge in this comfortable institution since the 17th of May, 1908, quietly breathed her last in her 94th year, the cause of death being purely old age.

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#### A "PUBLIC" HOLIDAY

Capt. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, returned from what it pleases him to call a holiday trip to the Mother Country. Most people have not given him credit for a highly developed imagination, but the power that enables a man to construe three very busy months into a holiday is Shakespearean in its capacity. On the other hand some high authority has said that a change of occupation is the best recreation, and so we suppose our friend has had a good sort of an outing after all. Capt. Tatlow has employed himself very largely in bringing about in the United Kingdom a better understanding of this province than has hitherto prevailed, and when he says that we may look forward with confidence to a considerable influx of settlers and capital, we may feel well assured that there is good reason for so doing, because he is a gentleman distinguished by the conservatism of his statements.

Among the matters which received his attention while in London was the location of the Agent-General's office. The work which Mr. Turner has been engaged in has grown very rapidly and is still growing, but there has been no corresponding increase in the appropriation for carrying it on. We are very glad, indeed, that the Minister of Finance has seen his way to providing an office in a better location.

Capt. Tatlow's visit to England received very considerable attention from the newspapers, and all of it was favorable. One of the advantages that will result from it is that he will be better able to deal with the various points that will arise in connection with any effort to bring to this province the class of people most needed here. His presence in England, the excellent financial showing that he has been able to make for the province, the story of progress and development which he has been able to tell cannot fail to produce an exceedingly favorable impression upon the investing class in the United Kingdom. We look for excellent results from Capt. Tatlow's holiday.

#### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

The accident on Saturday evening, which resulted in the killing of three horses and might, except for fortunate circumstances, have caused the death of the driver, was directly attributable to criminal mischief. Examination showed that the wires fell to the ground because some one had shot away an insulator. The arm on which the insulator rested was peppered with shot, and the broken fragments of glass were lying on the ground. Who did the mischief perhaps no one but the person himself knows, but whoever he is he ought to thank God that he is not a murderer. It can hardly be necessary to add a word in condemnation of the too common practice of making insulators targets for guns or stones; but we urge upon all parents to impress upon their boys the great danger which may be occasioned thereby. We urge all older persons to avoid this practice, if they have been in the habit of indulging in it. While under the peculiar circumstances there might be some doubt as to the moral obligation of the company—we express no opinion as to the legal liability—to make good the resulting damage, it is pleasant to be able to say that the management approaches the matter in that spirit of fairness which characterizes it and evinces no disposition to avoid making such awards as can reasonably be asked. The sufferers by the accident also display a commendable spirit, and the whole affair will pass off with a minimum of loss to any one and only a slight inconvenience to the public, who, for a time, were without lights. If the accident had happened on Christmas Eve, the merchants would have lost thousands of dollars in sales. It might also have caused loss of life.

#### INDEPENDENT PAPERS.

The Cranbrook Herald says that, because it supported the Liberal candidate at the last Dominion election, its claim to be an independent newspaper has been called in question. This is a very common experience, and it arises from confounding independence with neutrality. It seems to us that an independent newspaper can hardly avoid taking sides in an election. If it actively participates in the discussion of public questions at other times, one can hardly see how it can at election time avoid extending its help to the party, whose policy and personnel commend themselves most to its judgment. Few men are fit to set themselves up on a pedestal and lay down the law to all political parties. At least if they are at all numerous, they somehow fail to find their way to editorial chairs. The

Independence of newspapers is shown by the treatment of subjects arising from day to day. A Liberal paper may be independent; so also may a Conservative paper. As is well known the sympathies of the Colonist are with the Conservative party; yet it has staunchly advocated the All-Red line; expressed its hearty approval of the Lemieux agreement while protesting against the policy which made such an agreement necessary; applauded the Ottawa ministry for its efforts to secure cheaper cablegrams and unsparingly condemned the campaign directed against the National Transcontinental Railway. The fact that it is diametrically opposed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's expressed views on Oriental immigration, and his tendency to concentrate power at Ottawa has not prevented it from acknowledging that in many respects he has served his country well or from recognizing him as one of the foremost men in the British Empire. We are inclined to think that it is this independent treatment of men and issues which has won for the Colonist what little influence it may possess. Odd ideas are held by some people as to what are the insignia of independence in newspapers. Some people believe they exhibit it by writing everything in the first person singular, but there is quite as much partisanship shown by the newspapers which say "I think," as by those that say "we think." Others consider it is to be demonstrated by attacking everything in sight and supporting nothing, but this is not independence; it is only egotism. Others claim to be independent because they never take sides, but this is only cowardice. What an absurd thing it would be for a newspaper to keep track of the course of events, inform itself upon all public questions, do its best to create a sound public opinion by the free and fearless discussion of political issues and then, when an election comes on, stand aloof and let other people fight the battle. The independent newspaper is the most useful newspaper. When the leader of the party that is in adopts a certain course, it does not search for sinister and dishonorable motives on the one hand or deal in fulsome adulation on the other. When the leader of the party that is out declares for a certain policy, it does not laud it to the skies or condemn him unreservedly. It deals with questions as they arise, honestly and to the best of its ability, and at an election fights the battle of the party which, all things considered, it believes ought to be successful.

#### INTERESTS IN COMMON.

No two provinces of Canada have more and greater interests in common, and there are none whose interests are less divergent than British Columbia and Alberta. The eastern boundary of Alberta is substantially as far from Winnipeg as from Vancouver; Edmonton is very much nearer to Victoria than to Winnipeg, and about the same distance nearer to Prince Rupert than to Churchill on Hudson's Bay. From the extreme northeastern corner of Alberta the distance to Winnipeg and Prince Rupert is the same, and to the ports of Vancouver Island only a little more. In these statements the measurements are all in straight lines; the Victoria cities are upon the ocean. When the products of Alberta have reached Winnipeg they are further from the sea than they were on the farms where they were grown.

The two provinces are coterminous across eleven degrees of latitude, or, allowing for the deviation of a part of the inter-provincial boundary from a straight line, for more than eight hundred miles. For the southern half of this distance the summit of the Rocky Mountains forms the division; for the northern half there is no natural demarcation, the line following a meridian. Across the mountains there are several excellent passes, so that the Rockies cannot be regarded as a barrier between the two provinces. There are, therefore, no physical obstacles in the way of traffic between Alberta and the British Columbia sea coast. Hence in the very nature of things the development of the great province, which is our neighbor to the eastward, means much for this province. We take the position that in all plans formed for the development of British Columbia, this great fact should receive consideration. We do not say that it should be regarded as paramount to all local interests, for that would be wrong, but we do say that we ought not, in planning for the future of our own province to lose sight of the great part which the prosperity of Alberta will play in the promotion of our prosperity.

We shall not deal at any length with the respects in which the two provinces are the complement of each other. Let us simply suppose that they formed together one country, having no relations with that part of Canada which lies east of them. We would have an area of nearly 650,000 square miles, which for natural wealth and potential productiveness cannot be surpassed by any corresponding area in the world. A comparison may be useful. These two provinces are as large as France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Holland and Denmark combined. Within this area are matchless wheat lands, matchless grazing lands, matchless fruit lands, matchless forests. Appurtenant to them are matchless fisheries, and on their ocean frontage are matchless harbors. Stored in their rocks are coal mines of enormous value, and deposits of gold, silver, copper, lead and iron of great extent and richness. They are watered by splendid rivers. They

enjoy a glorious, though diversified climate. There is no place within their borders where malaria or any disease holds sway. There are no hostile natives to be dispossessed. What one of them cannot produce cheaply, profusely and in perfection the other can. Together they form a region which in all the elements of material greatness exceeds any other.

We suggest that the time has come when the identity of interests between British Columbia and Alberta should be recognized. This coast is the natural outlet for the product of the great interior province, just as the Pacific coast of the United States is the natural outlet for the corresponding portion of that country. Let us look south of the international boundary line and study the situation there for a little while. The 110th meridian, which is the eastern boundary of Alberta, passes through the centre of Montana, through the western part of Wyoming, and the eastern part of Utah and Arizona. The States of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, half the State of Montana, and more than half the States of Utah and Arizona lie west of it. The combined area of these states and parts of states is 760,000 square miles, somewhat larger than that of British Columbia and Alberta, but it is doubtful if they contain a greater productive area. The western coast line of the United States is longer than that of Canada, but it has fewer good harbors, and there are no fisheries lying off the shores. Yet we find in those states a score of cities, with a large population, two of them having upwards of a quarter of a million each. In view of the above facts, in view of what the President of the Grand Trunk Pacific has been saying in regard to westbound traffic from the prairies, in view of what we know about the tendency of commerce to seek the lines of the least resistance, and in view also of the rapid development of the Orient, it seems as if it were time for the people of British Columbia and Alberta to take council together.

A correspondent of the News-Advertiser suggests that the relics of the old steamer Beaver should be exhibited at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. As "the first steamer to enter the Pacific," as the steamer which "opened the various ports on this coast from San Francisco to Alaska," anything that remains of her is of interest. By the way, can any of the pioneer residents tell us the story of the voyage of the Beaver?

The Pacific coast has lost one of its leading and most conspicuous captains of industry in the death of Claus Spreckels, of San Francisco, widely known as the "sugar king." The story of Mr. Spreckels' career from the time when he arrived in New York a poor boy from Germany down to his passing away a multi-millionaire, is one of patient industry, indomitable pluck and quick recognition of opportunities which are perhaps just as abundant today as ever before.

At Portland, Ore., on Saturday last, Robert Burns, a young man, was found dead in a police cell, containing eleven inmates, though it had been constructed to hold but four. He had evidently been smothered to death. He had been arrested on a charge of drunkenness. That this awful incident could have occurred in the midst of a great Christian community almost passes belief. A "civilization" which can tolerate such horrors is not the sort of which we would care to boast overmuch.

The point has been taken on behalf of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, who have been sentenced for contempt of court, that to ask for their pardon is to admit that they have committed an offence, which they claim they have not. A great demonstration in favor of the labor leaders is being arranged for next Sunday. One feature in the case so far seems to be lacking, namely a calm statement of the nature of the contempt and the reasons advanced by Mr. Gompers and the others for committing it. Presumably they acted after consideration, and not of mere perverseness.

Mr. E. W. Carr Hilton, formerly of Victoria, but for the past two years manager of the Prince Rupert branch of the Bank of Commerce, has an interesting article on the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in the Standard of Empire for December 12th. And it may be mentioned, in this connection, that the Standard of Empire is doing excellent work in the dissemination of reliable information respecting conditions in the Overseas Dominions. Its special correspondents "cover" Canada from ocean to ocean each week, and as the paper has a very large circulation, the resultant advertisement to the Dominion must be great.

The suffragette campaign, if it has accomplished nothing else, has secured a complete revision of the rules for the admission of strangers to the House of Commons. A special committee has submitted a long report, which will probably be adopted at the next session. The principal changes provide for the admission of women accompanied by male escorts to the strangers' gallery on application of members. Theoretically, no woman has ever been admitted to the House of Commons, hence the maintenance of the grill in front of the ladies' gallery. The law also proposes making any disturbance of the proceedings a police court offence.

It is declared that Austria holds the key to the only possible solution

to the crisis which has threatened Europe for three months. The Government of Turkey is still without any assurance that Austria is sincerely desirous of reaching an agreement on the basis of which the Porte could accept. The Austrian authorities, in a word, are adopting the attitude of concession only under pressure. The aged Emperor's influence and conciliation under such compulsion is not worth much. It would be vain to attempt to prophesy what will be the next turn of events, but a complete change in spirit must take place at Vienna before a friendly settlement becomes possible.

It is now asserted in the most authoritative quarters that Port Angeles will shortly be tapped by one or more of the great transcontinental railways in the United States. Victoria and Vancouver Island are certain to benefit very largely from the consummation of such enterprise—indeed, it is not too much to say that the whole scheme of transportation affecting this section will require revision, once this island has been given ferry connection by way of Port Angeles with the great American railway systems. One immediate effect would be the hastening of construction of a line of railway to the north end of Vancouver Island, and via this new route would flow much of the traffic which now goes north and south via Seymour Narrows.

The Cinderella Ball given by the Daughters of Pitt in aid of the Victoria Jubilee Hospital last night was very well attended and was in every way a complete success. We think it only right to say that the kindness of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir in placing Government House at the disposal of the organization and meeting all the expenses is very heartily appreciated by the people of Victoria. Government House is admirably adapted for an entertainment of the kind, and rarely have its spacious rooms been filled with a happier throng than that which was assembled there last evening. The amount realized for the Hospital must have been very considerable, but, as we all know, the requirements of that institution are very great.

The surprising statement is made that immigration to the United States for the last year has been practically nil. At a meeting of the cabinet at Washington the other day, Secretary Straus submitted official figures to show that the total net addition to the population of the United States by alien immigration was between Sept. 30, 1907, and Oct. 1, 1908, only 6,295 and even this number should be reduced by deducting the number of naturalized Americans who took up residence abroad. The actual number of aliens arriving was 724,112 and the number of aliens departing during the same period was 717,814. Mr. Straus said that all official figures as to the emigration of aliens prior to Sept. 30, 1907, were the estimates of the steamship companies and were guess work. Last year official figures were kept as to the departure of aliens. The secretary estimated that figures on immigration which have been in popular use heretofore have been at least 48 per cent too high.

There is an annexationist party in Canada today whose ambitions are giving our friends to the south of the line "an uneasy quarter of an hour." This is the C.P.R., and it displays a disposition to "annex" a considerable proportion of the traffic heretofore thought to be the exclusive possession of the United States railroads. Thus a press dispatch from New York reads: "The sub-committee of the Trunk Line Association announced that the Canadian Pacific has actually invaded New York City, and is taking 250 tons of freight daily for the west via the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. The railroads of the United States are absolutely helpless to prevent this competition, which is backed by shorter lines, lower capitalization, record management and freedom from 'graft.' The New Haven road will be asked to fix prohibitive rates on Canadian Pacific business, but if it does the Canadian Pacific can smash tariffs to Seattle and Boston and demoralize every railroad in the northwest."

During the stormy days which have just terminated, the town was full of reports of a disastrous wreck off Cape Flattery. These were circulated at a time when all the wires were down, when the Pacheña wireless station was not working and when the only source in that vicinity from which news could be obtained, namely Tatoosh, reported that nothing was heard of any wreck. Later when Pacheña began to send in reports, no mention was made of anything to justify such a story, and yet it was kept alive, and was repeated with a great deal of circumstantiality, even the name of the ship being mentioned. The Colonist made every effort in its power to trace the rumors to their fountain head, but was unable to do so, although it regrets to say it ascertained that some persons who ought to have known better, were prominent in giving their circulation. The repetition of such unfounded stories by persons, who may be assumed to know the facts, is little short of criminal. At a time when a fierce storm is raging all persons who have friends or property afloat within the area of the storm, are naturally uneasy enough, and it is inexplicable that men of intelligence would add to their anxiety by the circulation of baseless rumors.

The United States has the greatest variety of postage stamps. Loaded wagons crossed the Adriatic sea on the ice from the mainland to Venice in 1234.

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## DAINTY NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

### Odd Lines in China and Glass at Big Reductions

DID YOU FORGET SOMEONE AT CHRISTMAS TIME? Then, send a New Year's gift. You'll find in this stock of ours hundreds of gift suggestions, and you'll also find some mighty interesting pricings on many items specially desirable for gift giving.

Hundreds of delighted purchasers shared this month's holiday offerings, and they bought with the absolute knowledge that every piece was dependable and the price was lower than equal qualities could be bought elsewhere. In the China Store, we have some left-overs, and we want to get rid of all these little quantities—the odds and ends. They are priced to go, and that five or ten dollar goldpiece you got for Xmas will go a long way in exchange for dainty bits of China, Glass or Bric-a-Brac.

Come in this week—if you're a judge of values, we won't have to do much urging.

### Are You Thinking About a New Dinner Service?

Take our advice and buy one of our open stock patterns.

The reason? Well, the patterns we control are the choicest which several of the best makers produce.

They don't cost any more than sets which cannot be matched except at a great expense and by long waiting.

They can be enlarged and matchings obtained at any time at our store without any delay whatever.

Drop in for details.

### Decorative Things for Dining Room and for Den

Have you ever observed the large collection of odd and quaint bits of pottery we carry, which are suitable for the better furnishing and adornment of the dining room or den?

For the walls and running shelves and plate racks in the club, hotel or home. Distinctive things for each.

It is an interesting exhibit, comprising many really clever things, some of which are decidedly inexpensive.

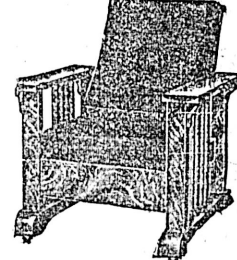
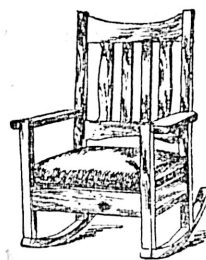
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We show a wonderfully complete stock of Early English Mission Designed Furniture. We think we are safe in saying no other Western establishment can show you such an immense variety.

Every piece shows unusual care in the designing and newness is apparent in the attractive designs. They are new—but not "freakish." The Early English finish is very attractive, and pleases those who object to the severe deadness of some of the old weathered finishes.

Here are a few items very desirable for den furnishings:



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ARM CHAIRS—Great, large, roomy chairs to match the Morris chairs. Striking designs and comfortably upholstered in leather. Priced from \$50.00 down to... \$16.00  
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ARM ROCKERS—Many comfortable rockers in leather. Carefully made so as to give greatest possible comfort. You'll find excellent values in this price range. \$40.00 to... \$16.00  
SETTEES—Some handsome and inviting settee styles are offered. Upholstered in fine leather. Comfortable and stylish. Priced at \$120.00 down to... \$90.00  
MAGAZINE RACKS—An indispensable part of the Den's furnishings. Several styles, at \$14.00 down to... \$10.00

### STYLISH NEW CROSSLEY CARPETS JUST IN

We have some handsome new carpets for your inspection—new Brussels, new Axminsters, new Tapestry Carpets and new Squares and Mats.

These come from those old, reliable makers, John Crossley & Sons. This insures the quality being the very finest, for these makers have been making "quality" carpets for many years, and their fame is world-wide. The designs are very attractive.

We are particularly well equipped to look after your needs in carpets. We offer you an unusually wide range in the matter of design and price, and we have a most efficient staff of workmen to look after the making and laying of these carpets. We are prepared to re-make your old carpets to fit your other rooms. When you require anything in the carpet line, you cannot do better than come to this carpet store.

### Dainty China Sets Fresh from the Wedgwood Works

Why not a new Tea Set for the new year? Here is an excellent chance to get a dainty Wedgwood set at a fair price. These have just arrived. Had they landed in time for Xmas business we are sure not a single set would have remained in our showrooms.

The decorations are captivating, and the ware—well, it is Wedgwood, and it would be superfluous to say anything further. By all means see these new Tea Sets and also the new Salad Sets from the same potteries.

TEA SET—40 pieces—in pretty blue and gold decoration. Price... \$16.00  
TEA SET—A floral decoration in forty-piece set. Price is... \$18.00  
TEA SET—Attractive floral decoration. Price is fair at, each... \$20.00

TEA SET—Forty-piece set with pretty floral decoration. Price... \$22.50  
TEA SET—Blue band and gold—a real handsome set. 40 pieces... \$30.00  
TEA SET—A set full of style. Dainty gold decoration. Priced... \$35.00

### We Are Also Showing Some New Salad Sets

SALAD SET—Bowl, large plate, and twelve small plates. Blue willow decoration. Specially good value at... \$6.50  
SALAD SET—A floral decoration which is attractive. Twelve small plates, large plate and bowl. Price... \$9.00

SALAD SET—Another floral decoration that pleases. Bowl, large plate and twelve small plates. Price... \$8.00  
SALAD SET—Typical Wedgwood decoration, this. Floral. Twelve small plates, large plate and bowl. Price... \$16.00

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## NOTE AND COMMENT

We have now received a circular letter issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., explanatory of the new Industrial Department, which has just been created. The inauguration of the department is properly regarded as of great importance in the upbuilding of the towns and cities of the west, and the increase of the general prosperity of the country. The circular reads:

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Western Lines,  
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29, 1908.  
To Whom It May Concern—This company, with a view to encouraging the development of the cities, towns and villages along its lines to the west and supplying their needs, has established an industrial department.

Enquiries are constantly coming in through the various departments of the company, from the manufacturers, importers, wholesale merchants, and individuals in eastern Canada and elsewhere, as to the openings in the west for manufacturing, wholesale and retail houses, etc. Many of the new, as well as the older established points along our main line and branches throughout the west are desirous of securing industries which will supply their needs and assist in their growth and prosperity. Our desire is, therefore, to obtain from all stations along our western lines, full information as to the requirements and the attractions their particular localities present to settlement, as well as to manufacturing, jobbing or any industry that will assist in the development of our great west and bring a profitable return for investment.

Secretaries of boards of trade are invited to correspond freely with the undersigned and furnish all particulars possible as outlined above and manufacturers or intending investors are also asked to communicate with me if they desire any information. Such enquiries will receive the most careful and prompt attention and it will be my endeavor to give information that will be reliable.

Yours truly,  
F. W. PETERS,  
Assistant to Second Vice-President.

The Navy Year Book, prepared by Pitman Pulsifer, clerk of the United States senate navy committee, and now in the hands of the printer, contains the very interesting statement that the American navy stands second among those of the great world powers at the present time. Germany follows third, while France has dropped to fourth place, and Japan is fifth. A Washington correspondent writes:

The Year Book will show that Great Britain has 61 first-class battleships, with a tonnage of 310,330; the United States 51, with a tonnage of 449,706; Germany 31, with a tonnage of 414,486; France 26, with a tonnage of 357,132, and Japan 15, with a tonnage of 233,444. Including armored cruisers also, however, France heads Germany, her navy tonnage of both battleships and armored cruisers being 573,364, while that of Germany is 548,254. The tonnage of United States battleships and armored cruisers is 607,241. That of Great Britain is 1,295,930. France takes precedence of both the United States and Germany if the tonnage of all the vessels in the navy, including the submarines, torpedo boats, etc., is counted. All told, France has 516 vessels to the credit of her navy, the total tonnage being 501,188, while the total tonnage of the entire German navy is 693,539, that of the United States 770,468, and that of Japan 444,906. The book also states that Japan is building a little shipbuilding, the only vessels now in course of construction being two battleships.

It has heretofore been a matter of regret that more suitable English words had not been provided for La Vallée's magnificent air "O Canada," which has rapidly come into favor. New words in English, however, have now been written by His Honor Judge Weir, of Montreal, as follows:

O Canada! Our home, our native land,  
True patriot love thou dost in us command.

We see thee rising fair, dear land,  
The True North strong and free;  
And stand on guard, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, where pines and maples grow,  
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,  
Thou art the land, O Canada,  
From east to western sea,  
The land of hope for all who toil,  
The land of liberty.

O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies,  
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise;  
And so abide, O Canada,  
From east to western sea,  
Where'er thy pines and prairie are,  
The True North strong and free.

There is apparently widespread and growing dissatisfaction in England against the working of the Old Age Pensions Bill. Thus a London correspondent writes:

Very serious complaints are directed against anomalies under the act, which can only be relieved by fresh legislation. There are innumerable cases of persons receiving pensions by dexterous manipulation of their finances, although they are not really entitled to the benefits of the act, while very worthy applicants are debarred because of some trifling disqualification. If an applicant has a capital sum invested or deposited he is entitled to a pension provided the return of the investment does not exceed 3½ per cent. No account is taken of the income to be obtained by judicious investment or assessment on an annuity basis. Thus the owners of sums varying from six to fifteen hundred pounds sterling on deposit will draw pensions, while a man so poor that the guardians once had to pay two shillings for cleaning his rooms is barred. An aged woman who once received two pounds of tea from the poor relief is also barred. Similar cases, both of the owners of considerable sums who have been pensioned and the utterly destitute who have been debarred, might be cited without end.

The new wing to the collegiate institute at Brockville has been opened. The University of Wisconsin got a \$130,000 loan from the state to keep the institution going, its funds being exhausted.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Tuesday, December 29, 1868.

Testimonial—A very flattering testimonial was yesterday presented to Past Master M. W. Watt, by the Brethren of Vancouver Lodges by the Worshipful Master, who marked the occasion by an eloquent address, to which the recipient made a suitable reply. The testimonial consisted of an elegant gold jewel.

Vancouver Lodge—The following officers were installed yesterday by Dr. Powell, Provincial Grand Master, to serve during the ensuing year: S. Duck, R.W.M.; T. S. Allat, D.M.; A. Francel, S.M.; W. Jackson, S.W.; Wm. Dalby, J.W.; James Gillon, treasurer; R. B. Powell, secretary; P. J. Hall, Tyler.

Another Invoice—Messrs Lowe Bros. yesterday received from Spanish Inlet ex steamer Fly, 8000 gallons of whale oil, taken by Dawson & Co., of Spanish Inlet. Mr. Dawson came down with the oil.

Among the importations per the G. S. Wright, were 40 tons of wheat from Portland consigned to W. T. Armstrong, J. P., of New Westminster, to be ground into flour at that enterprising citizen's new grist mill. It is to be regretted that sufficient wheat was not grown last year in New Westminster to keep at least one mill going.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

The origin of moving pictures was in this wise, says the Liverpool Post: Sir John Herschell, after dinner, in 1826, asked his friend Charles Babbage how he would show both sides of a sailing at once. Babbage replied by taking a shilling from his pocket and holding it to a mirror. This did not satisfy Sir John, who set the shilling spinning on the dinner table, at the same time pointing out that if the eye is placed on a level with the rotating coin, both sides can be seen at once. Babbage was so struck by the experiment that the next day he described it to a friend, Dr. Fitton, who immediately made a working model. On one side of a disc was drawn a bird. On the other side an empty birdcage. When the card was revolved on a silk thread the bird appeared in the cage. This model showed the persistence of vision upon which all moving pictures depend for their effect. The eye retains the image of the object seen for a fraction of a second after the object has been removed. This model was called the thaumatrope. Next came the zoetrope, or wheel of life. A cylinder was perforated with a series of slots, and within the cylinder was placed a band of drawings of dancing men. On the apparatus being slowly rotated the figures seen through the slots appeared to be in motion. The first systematic photographs taken at regular intervals of men and animals were made by Muybridge in 1877.

Mrs. Creighton, widow of Dr. Creighton, Bishop of London, suggested in a paper read at the Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, that middle age was a happier period than youth. If a woman was worth anything she ought to be just getting at her best at forty for active work and staying there at least till sixty. When a man of forty was made a bishop or a Cabinet Minister he was considered very young for the post, but a woman at forty was thought to be too old to be the head mistress of a school or the matron of an institution. There seemed to be no sense in it.

Perhaps the most remarkable of the recent inventions in the medical line is an apparatus by means of which the stomach is photographed from within. It is the discovery of a Munich doctor, and is thus described in action:—"The camera is actually swallowed by the patient, and when it reaches its destination the interior of the stomach is illuminated by a small electric lamp attached to the apparatus. At the bottom of the camera is wound a photographic film 20 inches long and a quarter of an inch wide. The physician pulls a cord which runs the film past the lens, the electric lamp is turned on, and the impressions made on the sensitive film. The process is repeated until the requisite number of pictures have been taken."

Many people do not know it, but Cardiff ranks as the largest port in the United Kingdom for the export of coal. We gather from an article in the Magazine of Commerce, that its shipments, foreign alone, for the following years were:—1840, 3,312 tons; 1850, 4,997,480 tons; 1900, 13,461,927 tons; until in 1907 it reached the splendid total of 17,369,175 tons; while, adding the coastwise shipments to this we have a grand total of 19,980,029 tons, an amount over 4,000,000 tons in excess of the celebrated Tyne ports of North and South Shields and Newcastle. The rates are from 20 to 30 per cent less at the Butte docks than at most of the leading ports of the United Kingdom. In seventy years the dock estate has increased from 18 to 163 acres.

## DISASTROUS LANDSLIDE

Thirty Killed in Italian Commune By Fall of Enormous Mass of Earth and Rock.

Venice, Dec. 28.—A disastrous landslide occurred at midnight in the commune of Argente, twenty-five miles from Bellune. A great mass of rock and earth of an estimated volume of 100,000 cubic metres chattered down the side of Mount Pale, (about 2,200 feet high) and divided into two parts, one falling on the village of Pra and sweeping away more than thirty peasant houses. The terrible roar of the earth as it began to slide gave the villagers warning, and some were able to escape. More than thirty persons were, however, killed, and a great number injured.

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## BRITISH OPINION

The Morning Post says:—There is a European law to the effect that no Power of itself is to modify a European settlement to which all the Great Powers have been parties. That rule has not been observed by Austria-Hungary in regard to the status of the occupied provinces. Why should she observe a rule if she prefers to break it, if she has two million soldiers of her own, and has an ally with three million more? Perhaps there are in Great Britain men and women who would like to see the establishment of law in Europe in conditions which would prevent its being disregarded with impunity. They had better be quiet. To argue in Europe about the law is to have given a policy in regard to the Balkan peninsula. Her honour is pledged to France in regard to certain contingencies, and she will keep her word. But before she can take sides with effect in a general European argument she must consider her attitude in reference to the calls she ought to make upon the persons of her citizens. In the event of her having a duty to perform in the world.

London Standard:—It cannot be too widely or too clearly understood that the International Naval Conference, has been assembled at the invitation of his Majesty's Ministers to discuss proposals which threaten the very foundation of British sea-power. The suggestion, adopted at the instance of Great Britain and Germany at the Hague Conference, and embodied in a Convention, that an International Prize Court should be constituted as a Court of Appeal from the Prize Courts of belligerents, appears on the surface to be a reasonable and an innocent proposal. That is not the light in which we regard a scheme that involves the gratuitous sacrifice of the immemorial rights of this country and the abrogation of the English common law. It provides that upon appeal a decision of a British Prize Court may be submitted to the judgment of a tribunal composed chiefly of foreign assessors and jurists who have no accepted code or body of law upon which to found their awards. In Article 7 of the Convention it is stated that "if no generally accepted rule exists, the Court shall give judgments in accordance with the general principles of justice and equity." Even the present Government refused to ratify a clause so obviously open to abuse; and it was for the purpose of deciding upon a common form of agreement that they called together the representatives of other great naval Powers. The underlying motive of the whole proceeding may be understood, when it is remembered that it was the British Government which advocated the abolition of contraband at the Hague Conference. Had that astounding proposal been accepted, the whole basis of British naval supremacy would have been swept away at a single blow; the neutral would have been completely enfranchised; and the chief guarantees of the peace of the world—the responsibility of the neutral and the liability of the commercial classes to share in the hazards of warfare—would have been destroyed. The disastrous mistake of the Declaration of Paris, in which the flag was permitted to cover the cargo, except in the case of (undeclared) contraband of war, would have been carried to its full and fatal consummation. In the report of the three admirals—Sir William Dowell, Sir Vesey Hamilton, and Sir Frederick Richards (now Admiral of the Fleet)—appointed to consider the position of naval affairs in 1888, the following remarkable passage occurs:—"There can be no doubt that were England involved in a maritime war, and were she to assume her natural rights as a belligerent—which appear to have been voluntarily laid aside by the Declaration of Paris in 1856—complications with neutral States would inevitably ensue, and her whole commercial position and the immense carrying trade by which it is sustained would be jeopardized at the outset, were war to be forced upon her at a time when the Navy was weak."

The late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman desired to utilise the Hague Conference for depriving Great Britain of the belligerent rights which remain to her after their surrender in 1856. The principle of his policy is sufficiently obvious. The Fleet having been robbed of its most powerful weapon, the control of the neutral, there would no longer be any object in possessing a supreme Navy. Hence the concurrent proposals for the reduction of armaments. A more inept and dangerous policy was never devised by a British Government.

Mr. Asquith has apparently accepted this disastrous legacy of an international fiasco. The programme of the Naval Conference has not been submitted to Parliament, but the deliberate intent to be carried out in secret. Sir Edward Grey stated on May 28th last that the chief discussion would centre upon the rules of blockade and contraband. Let us suppose for the sake of argument—that is extremely unlikely to occur—that the Conference arrives at an agreement upon these vital points, and that a code is drawn up for the guidance of the belligerent Powers. The German view of the probable result has been lucidly expressed by Admiral Baron Curt von Maltzahn, of the Imperial German Navy, in the course of a disquisition upon international law:—"The laws that obtain with regard to naval warfare form part of international public maritime law, and it is necessary to realize once for all that they are of absolute significance must be attached either to it or to them." The position could hardly be stated more tersely. All law depends for its validity upon the power to enforce it; and in the case of international law, that authority does not exist, and cannot exist. With what object, then, is it proposed that this country should confide its essential interests to a foreign tribunal? It cannot for a moment be supposed that, should the Conference agree upon a code regulating blockade and defining contraband, the rules will be drawn up to the advantage of this country. Great Britain, then, stands to lose at the beginning. In the event of the outbreak of war, there can be no guarantee that the British fleet will observe the law if its provisions conflict with their convenience, or that the decisions of the International Prize Court will not arouse intense irritation and discontent. Great Britain, moreover,

whose very existence depends upon winning and maintaining the command of the sea, would be hampered in what might be a life-and-death struggle by absurd and arbitrary restrictions. To keep them might mean incalculable loss; to infringe them would give cause of offence to other nations, which would otherwise remain friendly. Such is the dilemma, involving the grave possible issues, into which his Majesty's Ministers have been led, more perhaps by inadvertence than by design. The consequences may be very serious, unless Parliament—omitting of course one hundred and fifty Liberal patriots—and the nation awake in time to the real meaning of the situation.

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Some time ago it was reported that the Puget Sound Navigation company was considering the construction of a triple-screw steamer for Puget Sound waters and now bids for its construction are called for by the company, says a Seattle despatch.

The new vessel will cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000 and must attain a speed of twenty knots an hour. Her passenger capacity will be in the neighborhood of 1,500 and she will be equipped with turbine engines. The vessel will be operated along with the other vessels of the company's fleet on Puget Sound, consisting of the Indianapolis, Iroquois and Chippewa.

Already the Moran company of Seattle and the Craig Shipbuilding company of Long Beach, Cal., are figuring on the new craft. The Craig company formerly operated a shipbuilding plant at Toledo, where the steamships Indianapolis, Iroquois and Chippewa were constructed. These three vessels are now in the service of the Puget Sound Navigation company operating between ports of Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria, and Vancouver B.C. These craft formerly operated on the great lakes.

The proposition of building the new vessel will be left largely to the builders with respect to length, horsepower, style of build and lines. The company, however, calls for a twenty-knot vessel. While it has not been decided what the length of the new craft will be, it is probable that it will not be more than 250 feet.

F. H. Chapman, general merchant, of Holland Landing, and town treasurer, is dead.

James Roach, aged 87, of Belleville, is dead.

W. C. Crawford is now president of the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Electric railway.

The Portuguese three-reis piece, worth 3-100ths of a penny, is the smallest metal coin in circulation at the present time.

GOTAMA WRECKED OFF  
THE WASHINGTON COAST

Crew Saved From Storm-Broken Vessel by Steamer Santa Monica—Landed at Aberdeen

The old whaler Gotoma, now a two-masted lumber schooner, was wrecked during the Christmas gale which blew so fiercely over a wide area of the North Pacific Coast. The vessel was abandoned on Sunday morning about 10 miles off Willapa harbor. Capt. Gruggel, his wife and crew, being taken off by the steamer Santa Monica



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### NEWS OF THE CITY

Put Through By A. W. Bridgman

The recent sale of the Trutch homestead to W. J. Hanna was put through by A. W. Bridgman & Co., and not by A. W. Jones & Co., as reported in the Colonist at the time.

**Mayor Will Receive.**

Mayor and Mrs. Hall will receive on New Year's Day from 2.30 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon at their residence, 502 Catherine street, corner of Catherine street and Frederick street, Victoria West.

**V. & S. Scheduled.**

The Victoria and Sidney afternoon train, it has been decided, will leave the city depot at 3 o'clock every day, including Saturday. They have pulled out on Saturday at 2 o'clock in the past and the change gives outgoing passengers an hour longer in the city.

**School Entertainment.**

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the St. Mark's Sunday school will be held at the schoolhouse, Botsman road, tonight. An energetic committee has charge of the arrangements and a good time is guaranteed those who attend.

**New Year's Eve at Empress**

The management of the hotel announces that the diningroom will be kept open on New Year's Eve and a special supper, price \$1, served. After supper there will be an impromptu dance. Tables may be engaged by applying to the head waiter.

**The Light That Failed**

Shortly before 5 the electric light played one of its not unusual tricks in the Parliament buildings. The fuse burnt out and the whole edifice was plunged into darkness, from which it presently flickeringly emerged by the aid of a number of candles in hastily improvised candlesticks.

**Few Permits Issued.**

The advent of Christmas caused a sharp falling off in the demand for building permits, the only permit to be issued since last Wednesday being that granted yesterday afternoon to Hendrick Sharp, who will erect a handsome dwelling on Fort street, near the Jubilee hospital, to cost \$3,000.

**Commits Suicide**

Orlan Clyde Cullen, who spent several months in Victoria a year ago, has committed suicide. According to the Eastern papers he was about to be arrested on a charge of using the United States mail for purposes of fraud. He committed suicide in Baltimore.

**Lectures at Stanford**

Dr. Ernest Hall will leave for California in a few weeks to deliver a series of lectures on "Moral Living." He was recently invited to deliver the course at the Leland Stanford university by Dr. Jordan. He will be accompanied by his wife and family. The lectures are illustrated by lantern slides.

**Postman Bitten by Dog.**

A Maltese postman, who delivers the mails on No. 4 route in the city delivery, which includes Rockland Avenue is nursing a badly torn index finger on his right hand in which a dog planted its teeth when the postman was delivering letters in Rockland Avenue, yesterday morning. Maltese was obliged to go to the Jubilee hospital where his injured finger was treated and bandaged.

**Committee Meeting.**

A meeting of the roads, sewers and bridges committee of the Oak Bay council was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of the clerk, J. S. Floyd. General business was transacted, the object of the assembly being to clean up the affairs of the past year as far as possible in preparation for the final meeting of the council of 1908, which takes place at the new schoolhouse, Oak Bay avenue, early next month.

**Christmas Treat Tonight.**

Preparations are complete for the Christmas treat, which will be given the Sunday school children of the First Congregational church this evening. Those in charge have arranged for the installation of a huge tree which will be elaborately decorated, illuminated and laden with gifts. The distribution of the latter will be undertaken by Santa Claus. A musical programme has been prepared and the children and parents who attend are assured a pleasant time.

**Delay in Paving.**

Owing to a shortage of blocks for paving purposes the work on the Fort street repaving scheme has been delayed longer than was expected. Had the necessary supply been forthcoming the work could have been completed before Christmas. Yesterday the Sayward Mill and the Taylor Mill company, which have the contract for supplying blocks to the city, started cutting again and the scarcity has been relieved. A large shipment of concrete is now on the way from the old country, and will be here in time to relieve the growing shortage of that necessary adjunct to paving operations.

**Looking for Her Brother**

The local police authorities have been asked to endeavor to locate Oscar L. Young, who was last heard of by his sister, Mrs. Marge Dean, when he was in Vancouver. Young is a traveler and covers this western territory. Mrs. Dean, who is in the theatrical business in the Eastern States, writes that her mother, Mrs. Susie Young, while in Portland, Ore., recently suffered from a nervous collapse and is now in the State Asylum at Salem, Ore. As Mrs. Dean is unable to come west and take her mother back to relatives in Chicago, she is endeavoring to locate her brother, who could undertake the task. Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of Young is requested to communicate with the local police.

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## THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 28, 1908.

**SYNOPSIS.**

An important area of high pressure has developed on the northwest, the temperature at Dawson falling to 28 below zero, and its progress will be likely to cause colder weather throughout British Columbia and the adjoining provinces, as the pressure is increasing over the Pacific slope. The rainfall has been very heavy from Port Simpson southward to lower Oregon and snow has fallen on the higher levels inland. In the Prairie provinces the weather is mostly fair and with not much change in temperature.

**TEMPERATURE.**

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	39	41
New Westminster	38	41
Kamloops	26	40
Barkeleys Bay	14	28
Port Simpson	30	34
Atlin	2	below zero
Dawson, Y. T.	28	below zero
Calgary, Alta.	8	14
Winnipeg, Man.	4	11
Portland, Ore.	16	18
San Francisco, Cal.	28	36

**FORECASTS.**

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday.

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds easterly westerly, partly cloudy and colder with showers tonight or Wednesday.

Lower Mainland: Moderate winds, chiefly cloudy and colder with showers tonight or Wednesday.

**SUNDAY.**

Highest	47
Lowest	41
Mean	45

Rain, 1.09 inches.

**MONDAY.**

Highest	43
Lowest	39
Mean	41

Rain, .50 inch, sunshine, 3 hours, 54 minutes.

### TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B.C., December, 1908.

Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	2:36	2:10	27	8:16	57	6:19	24	6:6
2	3:25	2:10	45	8:17	47	5:22	48	6:3
3	4:13	4:11	53	8:18	32	4:41	38	6:1
4	5:02	5:02	6:02	8:19	19	3:49	33	5:4
5	5:51	5:51	6:51	8:20	9	3:19	24	5:2
6	6:40	6:40	7:40	8:21	17	2:50	24	5:0
7	7:29	7:29	8:29	8:22	38	2:19	12	4:7
8	8:18	8:18	9:18	8:23	58	1:48	0	4:4
9	9:07	9:07	10:07	8:24	78	1:17	16	4:1
10	9:56	9:56	10:56	8:25	98	1:13	24	3:8
11	10:45	10:45	11:45	8:26	118	1:10	32	3:5
12	11:34	11:34	12:34	8:27	138	1:07	40	3:2
13	12:23	12:23	1:23	8:28	158	1:04	48	2:9
14	1:12	1:12	2:12	8:29	178	1:01	56	2:6
15	2:01	2:01	3:01	8:30	198	1:00	64	2:3
16	2:50	2:50	3:50	8:31	218	1:00	72	2:0
17	3:39	3:39	4:39	8:32	238	1:00	80	1:7
18	4:28	4:28	5:28	8:33	258	1:00	88	1:4
19	5:17	5:17	6:17	8:34	278	1:00	96	1:1
20	6:06	6:06	7:06	8:35	298	1:00	104	0:8
21	6:55	6:55	7:55	8:36	318	1:00	112	0:5
22	7:44	7:44	8:44	8:37	338	1:00	120	0:2
23	8:33	8:33	9:33	8:38	358	1:00	128	0:0
24	9:22	9:22	10:22	8:39	378	1:00	136	0:0
25	10:11	10:11	11:11	8:40	398	1:00	144	0:0
26	11:00	11:00	12:00	8:41	418	1:00	152	0:0
27	11:49	11:49	12:49	8:42	438	1:00	160	0:0
28	12:38	12:38	1:38	8:43	458	1:00	168	0:0
29	1:27	1:27	2:27	8:44	478	1:00	176	0:0
30	2:16	2:16	3:16	8:45	498	1:00	184	0:0
31	3:05	3:05	4:05	8:46	518	1:00	192	0:0

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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Closes—Dec. 9, 15, 20, 30.	
Due—Dec. 3, 10, 14, 19, 23, 28.	
Australia and New Zealand	
Closes—Dec. 4, 13.	
Due—Dec. 1, 11, 20, 29.	
Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.	
Closes—Dec. 1, 9, 15, 18, 26, 29, 30.	
Due—Uncertain.	
Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.	
Closes—1, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28.	
Due—Dec. 1, 8, 10, 12, 13, 25, 28, 31.	
West Coast Ports	
Due—Dec. 1, 10, 20.	
Due—Dec. 1, 18, 21.	
Albany	
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Due—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. By steamer, 5, 13, 27.	

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Preparations are being made for the formal opening of the new and most commodious Nurses' Home building, on the afternoon of Tuesday next, the 5th instant.

**A Carol Service.**

In place of the usual sermon in Christ church cathedral on Sunday evening, six old English carols were sung: (1) "Redelichen," (2) "We Three Kings of Orient Are," (3) "The First Christmas," in three parts, (4) "The Annunciation," beginning: Mary sat at even in her garden's shade, And the evening sunlight round about her played; The Message to the Shepherds, "Beside their flocks the shepherds watched"; (5) "Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin," "Sleep My Babe, and O'er the Angels Vigils Keep."

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and (d) Gloria in Excelsis, Glory to God in the Highest, Glory to God let us sing! (4) God King Wednesday, (5) Sleep! Holy Babe! and (6) There dwelt in Old Judea! A maiden fair to see! These carols will be repeated on Sunday evening next. The offertory at the evening service was devoted to the choir fund.

### OBITUARY NOTICES

**Baynton**

A well known resident of this city passed away on Sunday in the person of Mrs. Eliza Ann Baynton, wife of Augustus Joseph Baynton, at the family residence, 354 Fisguard street, after a lengthy illness. Deceased who was widely known to a large circle of friends was a native of Victoria, being born here forty-three years ago. She was a granddaughter of Mr. Yale, who was closely identified with the early history of this province, and after whom the lower part of the Fraser river, was named. She leaves surviving her husband and two children, her mother, Mrs. A. Manson, a sister, Mrs. M. Grant, and a brother, J. Manson, of Dawson. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the above address to Ross bay cemetery. Rev. T. W. Gladstone will conduct the services.

**Russell**

The funeral of the late Charlotte Russell will take place this afternoon from the family residence, 754 Fisguard street, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Reid will officiate.

**Sylvester**

The funeral of the late Mr. Frank Sylvester, the secretary of the Natural History society, took place yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. The remains were removed from his late residence at Fairleigh, No. 1236 Fisguard street, to the Jewish cemetery, and the service was conducted by Dr. Huetmann. The members of the Natural History society were present in a body, including the president, Mr. Carl Loewenberg, Rev. Canon Beauland and Mr. C. C. Pemberton. The floral offerings were very handsome and numerous, and the pallbearers were Messrs. S. A. Spencer, J. Hastings, P. Landsberg, H. S. S. G. Kerneide and C. C. Pemberton. The deceased was born in New York in 1835, came out to California in his eighteenth year in 1853, clerking first in Messrs. Goldstone's store in Shasta, and going afterwards into business for himself, came up to Victoria city in the first pell-mell rush of gold seekers in 1858, and went into the interior, where his adventures were both many and intensely interesting. He possessed a remarkably vivid memory, and could have easily filled a large book with an account of his varied experiences.

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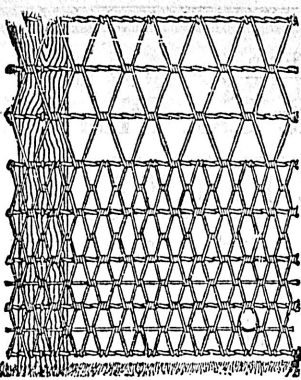
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## TARIFF REFORM WILL COME IN ENGLAND

Capt. Tatlow Thinks British  
Public Has Changed Its  
Mind

That it will not be long before some  
measure of tariff reform is passed in  
England is the opinion of the Hon.  
Capt. Tatlow, who returned on Sunday  
night from a three months' visit to  
the Old Country. Capt. Tatlow says  
that so far as he could judge the  
people of England are very tired of  
the present Liberal government and  
will dismiss them from office directly  
they get an opportunity. He could  
see no sign of popular indignation at  
the action of the House of Lords in  
dismissing the Licensing Bill, and is  
inclined to the opinion that the  
Lords did exactly what the people  
were hoping that they would do.

Another factor which, Capt. Tatlow  
thinks, will help the cause of tariff  
reform is the unemployed question.  
Under a free trade system the num-  
ber of unemployed in England are  
increasing every year, and the people  
are beginning to think that it may  
be the fault to some extent of the  
system. The tariff reformers hold  
out promises of increased employment  
and it would seem likely that they  
will get a chance of making their  
promises good. Business generally  
in England is not very lively just now.

Capt. Tatlow was in the House of  
Commons when the Licensing Bill  
received its third reading and heard  
the speeches of Premier Asquith, Mr.  
Bonar Law and other prominent  
statesmen on that occasion. He said  
it was most interesting, and that the  
level of the debate was very high.

W. E. Scott of Salt Spring Island is  
still in England and arrangements  
have been made whereby he will de-  
liver a series of lectures on British  
Columbia during the month of Janu-  
ary. The fruit exhibit, as already  
announced, was a great success, as  
were the cinematograph views. These  
are still being shown and are attract-  
ing a great deal of favorable comment.

Capt. Tatlow was accompanied on  
his trip by Mrs. Tatlow, and they  
both thoroughly enjoyed it. They  
had excellent weather at the time  
they were in the Old Country, but  
hardly a day's rain. While in Eng-  
land he arranged for the Agent Gen-  
eral's office to be on the ground floor  
of Salsbury house in Finsbury Circus  
instead of upstairs. Salsbury House  
is one of the magnificent old office  
buildings which have been erected in  
recent years in the financial dis-  
tricts of London.

## FRANCHISE QUESTION BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Mr. Jay Will Give His Decision  
Today—Arguments in  
Court Yesterday

Magistrate Jay yesterday reserved  
his decision as to whether or no the  
men over fifty who have not paid the  
road tax, from which exemption is  
by the act, are entitled to vote at the  
forthcoming municipal elections. He  
intimated that he would give his de-  
cision this morning.

Mr. Pearson was again in court on  
behalf of the old men, and City Soli-  
citor Mann appeared for the court of  
revision. Frank Higgins was also  
there. He came as the representative  
of the Victoria Ratepayers' association  
and informed the court that he felt  
he had no standing save as amicus  
curiae. However, he joined in the dis-  
cussion which followed.

Mr. Mann first made a statement  
to the effect that it was the duty of  
the city barrister to give advice to the  
court of revision on such matters and  
that in accordance with his advice all  
men over fifty who had claimed ex-  
emption from the road tax had been  
left off the list. Their names had  
been compiled on a separate list, a  
copy of which had been supplied to  
Mr. Pearson, who was endeavoring to  
have them replaced.

"I advised the court of revision,"  
continued Mr. Mann, "that they could  
replace the names if they chose in the  
exercise of their discretion, but I drew  
their attention to the decision of the  
chief justice in the case of a lady  
householder to the effect that under  
the act, the payment of \$2 was an es-  
sential preliminary to the franchise.  
I also suggested that it might have  
been the intention of the legislature  
to give the franchise to all those who  
had paid the tax, whether they were  
obliged to do so or not. Under the  
wording of the bylaw the road tax is  
payable on demand on all males be-  
tween the ages of 21 and 50, but the  
tax is not due and so does not be-  
come a debt until it has been demand-  
ed."

Magistrate Jay remarked that he did  
not see how it was competent for the  
collector of votes to go behind the  
declarations which had been filed. If  
a false declaration had been made, the  
person who made it could be prose-  
cuted, but in the meantime it should  
be conclusive. Mr. Mann said that  
the city was not opposing the applica-  
tion, on the contrary, it befriended  
it. Mr. Higgins also disclaimed any  
idea of opposing the franchise.

Mr. Pearson said that there were  
103 votes in the same category as him-  
self and remarked that the women's  
vote, decided by the chief justice, was  
on a different footing. He read a  
telegram from the county court regis-  
trar at Vernon saying that Judge  
Spinks had verbally decided that men  
over 50 had a right to vote. This  
showed there was at any rate a doubt  
as to the law, and the doubt should  
be given in favor of the franchise. If  
the letter of the law were against him,  
equity should prevail. He also point-  
ed out that the legislature had raised  
the age at which the road tax ceased  
to be collectible and that the city had  
not availed itself of the extended privi-  
lege. It was not fair that they should  
be deprived of their vote on account of  
this mistake of the city's.

The magistrate called for the de-  
clarations made by the 103 men in  
question, and after looking over some  
of them remarked that they were not  
all in the same category. Some had  
made declarations claiming the ex-  
emptions, while others had signed the  
ordinary form without error. He  
said that he would look into the mat-  
ter and give his decision in the morn-  
ing.

The British ship Rowena has been  
ordered from Tocopilla to Royal Roads  
in ballast. She will probably load  
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## MORE TROUBLE ON THE ISLAND RAILWAY

Slides at Waugh Creek Cause  
Some Inconvenience to  
Officials

The heavy wind and rain of the past  
few days is causing the E. & N. rail-  
way officials not a little inconvenience.  
It was thought that the damage done  
by the host of trees which were torn  
from their roots and tossed on the  
wires and track between Victoria and  
Chemalunus on Christmas Day would  
be all the trouble encountered for a  
short time, at least. But it was not  
to be. Shortly after the gangs of  
men dispatched to different points  
along the right-of-way reported all  
clear and telegraphic communication  
was obtained through to Nanaimo,  
word was received at headquarters  
announcing that there had been a slide  
at Waugh Creek, near Goldstream.

Hurriedly workmen were sent to the  
scene, but it was impossible for them  
to clear away three or four feet of  
mud which was piled on the track in  
time to allow Saturday night's south-  
bound train to be in on scheduled  
time. However, the delay wasn't  
great, and passengers forgot to com-  
plain, being thankful that they weren't  
longer on the road.

Realizing that there was consider-  
able danger at this point, because of  
the tendency of the heavy rainfall to  
loosen the blue clay of the precipitous  
slopes, men were stationed there. Yes-  
terday word was received that another  
slide had taken place. This time the  
company, being in readiness, was in  
a better position to handle the situa-  
tion and the debris was soon cleared  
away, the regular trains being able to  
run through without delay.

It is possible that the steam shovel  
will be brought down to Waugh Creek  
in a few weeks to remove the clay  
from the track and to excavate on  
either side of the right-of-way so that,  
in the event of another fall, there will  
be little chance of its interfering with  
the operation of the system.

## STEEL BRIDGES FOR E. & N. HAVE ARRIVED

Will Be Installed at Chemain-  
us, Nanaimo and Cow-  
ichan Rivers

The two steel bridges which will  
soon span the Nanaimo and the Chem-  
ainus rivers in place of the wooden  
structures that have been in use for  
years, have arrived. They reached  
Ladysmith from the East a few days  
ago, and it is understood, will be in-  
stalled as soon as it is practicable to  
begin the work.

Throughout the past summer gangs  
of men were employed in the laying of  
concrete foundations for these bridges.  
Before operations ceased the prelimi-  
nary work was practically completed so  
that it is only necessary for the new  
structures to be put together over the  
comparatively small remnants they are  
destined to replace. This is not expected  
to take more than a month or so once  
it is well under way.

The Cowichan river steel bridge is  
en route West and should reach here  
before the end of the month. It will  
be put in place simultaneously with  
those farther north. As the foundation  
work at Cowichan is ready, little delay  
is looked for in the completion of this  
project.

No word has yet been received as to  
the amount of the C. P. R. appropriation  
for improvements to the E. & N. If  
it is sufficiently large, it is under-  
stood that some action will be taken  
towards the replacing of several of the  
wood trestles between Victoria and  
Shawnigan lake.

## WINDOW BREAKER FINED

William Parr Says He Was Afraid to  
Go Back to the Ship Arran-  
more

William Parr gave an unusual ex-  
cuse in the police court yesterday  
morning when he was charged with  
breaking the window of a Government  
street store. He pleaded guilty, and  
then asked if he might give an explana-  
tion.

According to his own account, he is  
a sailor on the ship Arranmore, now  
at Esquimalt, but has just come out of  
the hospital. He says that he signed  
on in Australia owing to trouble with  
his people at home, and fell sick, not-  
withstanding which he was dragged  
out of his bunk and compelled to  
work although physically unable to  
do so. When the ship got here, the  
captain put him ashore and sent him  
to the hospital, saying that if he ever  
came back he would wring his neck.  
The ship is still at Esquimalt waiting  
for a charter.

He said that he was frightened to  
go back, but thought that if he were  
put in jail and the ship sailed without  
him he would get what wages were  
coming to him. He had no cash on  
him. He intended to go to the States  
and take up his proper business of  
horsebreeding.

The magistrate fined him \$20, and in  
default one month in jail. Parr said  
he would serve his time.

## BRIGADE ASKS SAME PAY AS IN VANCOUVER

The Local Fire Fighter Present  
a Petition to the Fire  
Wardens

That the members of the local fire  
brigade are underpaid and should  
have their monthly remuneration  
raised to the level of that paid by  
Vancouver, is the opinion of the ma-  
jority of the leading business firms  
of the city as evidenced in a petition  
which has been extensively signed  
and will be presented to the fire war-  
dens.

Early in the year a petition was  
presented to the fire wardens by mem-  
bers of the fire brigade asking for an  
increase in salary. The matter was  
considered and a scale adopted ac-  
cording to length of service. The  
scale provided for some increase and  
was brought into effect about the mid-  
dle of this year, but now the firemen  
ask that the local brigade be placed  
on the same footing as the Vancouver  
brigade. To back up their request, a  
large number of business firms of the  
city have been asked to urge upon the  
council the advisability of granting  
the firemen's request and a petition to  
that effect has been circulated and  
largely signed.

The petition submitted by the fire-  
men gives the following comparison  
of the scales of pay now in effect in  
Victoria and Vancouver:

	Victoria	Vancouver
Captain ..	\$75	\$100
Driver ..	\$60 to \$70	\$85
Engineer ..	\$82.50 to \$85	\$85 to \$110
Truckmen ..	\$70	
Chemical engine ..	\$70	
Hose and pipe men ..	\$55 to \$65	

It is pointed out that in Vancouver  
the hosemen, pipemen and truckmen  
are divided into three classes and re-  
ceive the following salaries according  
to the years of service, \$70, \$80 and  
\$85. The petitioners state that it  
might be urged that Vancouver being  
a larger city, the fire brigade has  
more work to do, but it is pointed out  
that the contrary is the case, as in  
Vancouver the city is divided into  
districts, while in Victoria, owing to  
the small number of men (two) in each  
of the outside halls, it may be said  
that the whole brigade responds to  
any alarms.

The petition will be submitted to  
the fire wardens and will be later con-  
sidered.

## NEW BUSINESS HOUSE AND EIGHT DWELLINGS

Parfitt Bros., Contractors, Will  
Build Nine Structures in  
Spring Ridge

The construction of eight cottages,  
at a cost of approximately \$3,000 each,  
and the erection of a business estab-  
lishment, costing about \$6,000, the  
whole work involving upwards of \$30,-  
000, is a project which Parfitt Bros.,  
the local contractors, have been pre-  
sented. To provide sites for the struc-  
tures indicated the acre block, formerly  
owned by W. Snider, Vancouver,  
which fronted in Fernwood road  
and is bounded on the north and south  
respectively by Vining street and  
Gladstone avenue, has been purchas-  
ed. The amount put up to swing the  
deal, it is understood, was in the  
neighborhood of \$7,000.

J. Parfitt, one of five brothers who  
are members of the firm concerned,  
and who entered into business here  
only a year ago, said yesterday that  
the preliminary work already was in  
progress. Surveyors were engaged in  
a sub-division of the land into nine  
regulation size lots. The corner one  
will be that utilized for the business  
house, or store, referred to, while on  
the other eight will be placed homes  
of comfortable design, equipped with all  
modern conveniences.

In taking this step the Parfitt Bros.  
have been influenced by the evidence  
of growth in every part of the city.  
They assert that the demand for  
renting houses is so great that, once  
these they are designing are ready for  
occupancy, there will be no difficulty  
in finding tenants, or, if deciding to  
sell, in securing purchasers.

The same firm has acquired two  
lots on Gladstone avenue, between  
Stanley avenue and Belmont street.  
The transfer was conducted through  
the agency of L. U. Conyers. It is the  
intention to use this property as a  
huge yard where the contractors will  
establish their plant and offices. They  
state that they have in hand a num-  
ber of important contracts and that  
business is improving so rapidly that  
more commodious quarters than those  
at present occupied in Spring Ridge  
will be absolutely necessary at an  
early date.

## CAUSEWAY QUAGMIRE

Additional Drainage Facilities Must  
Be Installed to Carry Off the  
Water

The condition of the causeway road-  
way during the heavy rains of the  
past few days has directed the atten-  
tion of the civic authorities to the  
necessity of supplementing the system  
of drainage there in order that the  
pools of water, ankle deep, may be re-  
moved and future means of drainage  
supplied. The condition of the road-  
way has been worse than ever before,  
the heavy traffic cutting up the mac-  
adam pavement and turning the sur-  
face of the street into a veritable  
quagmire. There is a drain along the  
west side of the roadway but it ap-  
parently is useless to carry off the wa-  
ter on the Empress hotel side. Three  
catch basins will be put in near the  
middle of the causeway so that the wa-  
ter running down the inclined road  
at either end of the causeway and  
collecting in the centre will be carried  
off. A twelve inch main will be run  
across the road and through the stone  
wall to drain the water into the har-  
bor.

The condition of the roadway indi-  
cates the necessity of some better pav-  
ing. It is the intention of the city to  
lay a block pavement across the cause-  
way, but this work was deferred un-  
til the ground settled. This process  
of settling is still going on, the city  
engineer states and will likely con-  
tinue for some time, as long as the  
water drains down through the earth.  
It is believed that with a concrete  
foundation laid for the block paving  
the water would be kept from sinking

"If It's Correct Christie Has it."

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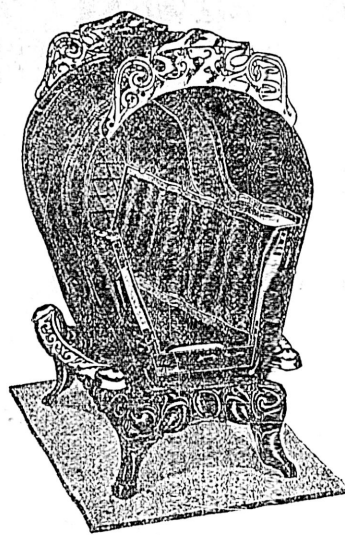
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## HERE AND THERE

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Teaching, when it is well done, is exhaustive work. It absorbs all the energies of any man or woman. No teacher ought to be forced to engage in any other occupation after school in order to obtain a sufficient income. On the contrary, a teacher should be a student and must be one if he or she is to continue to do good work. At the best the teacher's salary is a moderate one and there are very few who can continue till old age to do good work in the schoolroom. Worry and anxiety are fatal to the excellence of the teacher's work. For all these reasons, it would be well, if like other civil servants, teachers were enabled to retire when they had given of their best to the service of the public.

There are, however, difficulties in the way of forming such a scheme. The greatest of these will follow from the fact that so few universities are teaching with the expectation of making it the work of their lives. If however all teachers felt that a provision, however moderate, were made for their old age, many among the best and most conscientious of them would continue in the work. The plan is one that calls for the best consideration not only of the legislators but of the teachers themselves.

There is a great change in these days in the attitude of medical men towards the public. Formerly it was considered that all the patient had to do was to obey the directions of the physician. Little was told him of the nature of his disease, of the causes of it, or of the means of preventing its return. The patient's duty lay chiefly in taking his medicine or in submitting to the surgeon's knife.

Now doctors spend a great deal of their time in educating the public in the art of keeping well. Far less reliance is placed upon the use of drugs than formerly, and the patient is taught that the state of the mind has very much to do with recovery or with continued suffering. But this is not all. Thousands of the very best men in the profession are laboring to do away with disease altogether. Smallpox, cholera and diphtheria have largely lost their terrors for the world. We have learned how to treat consumption and that its ravages may be arrested and nothing that science can do is being left undone to discover a cure for this disease which is so fatal in all civilized communities. Cancer is still a terrible mystery and neither its cause nor its cure has yet been discovered. But the greatest talent and the widest knowledge are engaged in the investigation of this awful disease and there is hope that a cure for it may be discovered.

While human nature is erring we will suffer from physical ills but those, and they are many, which are due to ignorance of the laws of health will disappear. This the world will owe to the disinterested labors of the doctors.

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## Discoverer of Robinson Crusoe

In an interesting book of biographical essays by Dr. William Osler, regius professor of medicine at Oxford, just published, an interesting sidelight is cast on the career of Thomas Dover whose name is a household word through association with "Dover's powders." Thomas Dover it appears has other titles to biographical distinction in addition to the fact that he really combined in his own person the apparently irreconcilable attributes of a successful medical practitioner and a successful fighting buccaner. It is as a discoverer that he is chiefly entitled to a niche in the Temple of Fame. He discovered—that is, was the first to compound and prescribe—the celebrated powder which bears his name and is obtained at every apothecary shop where the English language is spoken; and he discovered and released from his long solitude on the island of Juan Fernandez the original Robinson Crusoe, Alexander Selkirk.

Dr. Dover, who had studied medicine under the great Sydenham, appears to have been engaged in practice at Bristol in the latter days of the great English buccaners, of whom Sir John Hawkins was the most famous, when in 1704 he was induced to become a promoter of an expedition of adventure, not to say pillage, to the South Sea. There were two ships in this expedition. The celebrated navigator Dampier went as pilot, and Dover, on account of his large pecuniary interest in the undertaking, was made third in command under Captain Woodes Rogers, with the title of Captain Dover. He proved himself well worthy of the title before he returned to Bristol. In a successful attack on the city of Guayaquil he led the assault and the prizes of the expedition were so numerous and so rich that his ships brought home plunder of the value of one hundred and seventy thousand pounds sterling.

But the finding of Robinson Crusoe was the most interesting of his experiences and in that event he participated directly and personally, going ashore himself in a boat to ascertain what was the source of a light on the island of Juan Fernandez, which had been observed from his ship. The result was the discovery of Alexander Selkirk. He was a Scottish sailor who had been left there on account of a difference between him and the master of his vessel and had remained there in solitude four years and four months. There were upwards of 500 goats on the island, and his chief subsistence was the flesh of these animals, which he caught by running them down, after his ammunition gave out and he was unable to shoot them. For vegetable food he had turnips, which had been introduced by mariners visiting Juan Fernandez for supplies of fresh water, and also the fruit of the cabbage palm. He had clothed himself in goatskin, and procured fire by rubbing sticks of pimento wood together. For mental food he had constant recourse to the Bible and a few other books—the titles of which are not given—and "he employed himself in reading, praying and singing psalms, so that he said he was a better Christian during his solitude than he ever had been before, and then, as he was afraid, he would overdo again." These words seem to have been prophetic, for he joined the buccaners as a mate of one of their ships and his share of the prize money amounted to \$200.

best teachers—using the word in its widest sense—that can be procured. Our country is not a poor one. We can afford all that is needed to develop our country in a material way. We ought not to allow either Great Britain or the neighboring republics to outstrip our forestry professors. If we have not yet done anything great in art or literature or science we can at least learn. That Canada has already many scholars of whom she should be proud, is not always remembered, yet in some of the best of the seats of learning in the United States there are Canadian professors. While it may be advisable to fill many of the chairs of our Canadian universities with men from older colleges, we should endeavor to get the best of our own teachers with us. Money could not be better invested than in procuring for the instruction of the youth of Canada the wisest and most learned men, who can be induced to come to the country. The growth of a country is not to be measured only by the amount of money in its banks, but by the quality of its men and women. When we remember that our preachers as well as many other leaders of public opinion, are among the graduates of the universities we will form some idea of how important it is that the men who occupy their chairs should be of the first class.

A few days ago, when a kind woman was preparing to send a good Christmas dinner to a poor family, she said: "I just told Mrs. — not to give any of the nice things to that good-for-nothing husband of hers," and then she added in an undertone, "but I know he will get his share all the same," and the listener divined that the lady herself was very glad to feel that her husband would be disobeyed. And who does not know that whatever chance a woman may have of making her husband better by kindness, she has none by treating him with coldness or severity? No one so well as the faithful wife knows of the struggles, the failures, the bitter self-reproaches and the self-complaints, too, of the erring husband. If at last he becomes again the supporter and protector of his family, he will have to thank the wife who in poverty and sickness and in sin still loved and cherished him.

## WOMEN AS SPEAKERS

Only recently have women themselves begun to recognize the high level of ability for public speech that the sex possesses. If the suffrage movement had done nothing else, it would have given women cause for pride in the fact that it has furnished of the immense reserve of good speakers who can express their thoughts clearly and with eloquence to be found among women.

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The ordinary woman who has to attend meetings at which any but the most famous men speakers are on the platform finds herself appalled by the hesitation, the constant interruption of thought or word, or from mere nervousness, the utter lack of cohesion that characterizes the average man when speaking in public. It is a matter of course that with generations of tradition behind them, and with opportunities for practice, men speak so lamely and with such a complete failure to appreciate the value of good elocution and consistent thought. Ask a man to account for the poor quality of his speaking. He will say, and he is answering that though many women may speak better, their utterances have not the same weight of thought. No better means of concealing this weight of thought could be selected than the schoolboy stammering that so often passes for public speaking. Really it ought to be regarded as an insult for a man to take the time of an audience without giving thought to the means by which he can present what he has to say most effectively and attractively.

Certainly women have nothing like the same difficulty in expressing their thoughts. It should be added that the average woman with no experience on the platform at all will make a far more creditable appearance if suddenly called on than will a man. The self-possession of the sex is then an invaluable asset.—Westminster Gazette.

## The Plate Rail

A plate rail in the dining room should be about seven feet long. It can be wider or narrower, as it is intended for holding plates or pitchers and tankards.

For plates it is safer to have a grooved ledge to hold them more firmly in case of jarring.

The fullest effect of a plate rail in the way of decoration is made from a careful selection in what is to hold. Avoid a jumble of colors and overcrowding.

Blue in rich deep colors is most effective, but with tan or cream wall, dark reds and ivory-colored pottery is lovely. With the brown paper now so much in vogue for dining rooms, plenty of orange and light yellow plates and pitchers on the rail give a needed touch of color.—Pittsburg Leader.

The first woman to receive a Lloyd's medal for life-saving is Miss Kate Gilmour, stewardess of the steamer *Gardiner*, burned off Malta.

## WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB

The presidency of the Canadian Women's Press Club has come west again, and Mrs. R. C. Osborne, of Winnipeg, elected yesterday to the office, received many hearty congratulations at the conclusion of the annual meeting held in Miss Hind's suite, in the Laurel block, says the Winnipeg Free Press. Most of the eastern members sent proxies for votes, so that the gathering was representative. Most of the members of the local branch were present, while Mrs. Stover, of Battleford; Mrs. Bennett and Miss Fisher, of Regina; and Miss Clark, of the Canadian Gazette, also attended. Regret was felt at the absence of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. P. Walker, whose work for the club is greatly appreciated, as a vote of thanks testified, as well as her return to office by acclamation. Mrs. Walker, who has kept in touch with all the members, was able to report the new names added during the year, while branches were formed at Toronto, Edmonton, Fort William and Port Arthur. She stated that the list included the names of many Canadian women who were making themselves most favorably known in the literary world, and promise is given of still greater achievement by the members in the year to come. Sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mrs. Marshall ("Sandy Grant"), of Regina. Among the marriages taking place in the ranks have been those of Miss Adelaide Dawson, of Toronto, now Mrs. Snider, and Miss Daisy Corbett (Mrs. Henderson).

Invitations for the annual meeting were received from the "Twin Cities," as well as from Montreal and Toronto. "Francoise" (Miss Barry) wrote from Montreal, while Mrs. Fitzgibbon urged the advantages which would ensue from a visit to Toronto during the annual meeting of the National Council of Women, taking place early next summer. Many press women from Europe will be in attendance, and a splendid opportunity would be presented to make the club better known. Fort William and Port Arthur had their advocates also, and the kindly thought of these cities was greatly appreciated, even if the offer should not be accepted, the matter being left in the hands of the executive. The report of the historian, Mrs. H. J. Parker, was one of the features of the meeting, as it showed that Canadian women were rapidly forging their way to the front.

The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Mrs. Fitzgibbon; president, Mrs. R. C. Osborne; vice-president for British Columbia and Alberta, Mrs. Palmer Watt; for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Mrs. Bennett; for Ontario and Quebec, Miss Macdonald ("Claudia," of Toronto News); for maritime provinces (left to the executive); recording secretary, Miss Alice Read; Port Arthur; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Walker; treasurer, Miss Ledford; auditor, Miss Beynon; historian, Mrs. Storer. The members afterwards went to the Tea Kettle Inn, where tea was served, and through the courtesy of Manager Walker, enjoyed the "Day and Night in a Doll Shop," at the Walker theatre.

## Origin of the Chrysanthemum

The Japanese have an interesting legend in connection with the origin of the chrysanthemum. In a garden, bathed in the soft moonlight, a young girl plucked a flower and commenced to strip the petals to see if her fiancé loved her truly. Of a sudden a little god appeared before her and assured her that her fiancé loved her passionately. "Your husband will live," he added, "as many years as the flower, which I will let you choose, has petals." With these words he disappeared. The young girl hastened to search the garden for a flower which should have an abundance of petals, but each one appeared to promise but a brief future for her beloved.

At length she picked a Persian carnation, and with the aid of a gold pin taken from her hair, she separated each of the petals of the flower, so as to increase the number of folioles, and of the number of years accorded by the god to her fiancé. Soon, under the moonlight, she saw, one, two, three hundred petals, thin, pliant and beautifully curved, had been evolved, and the young girl cried for joy to think of the happy future which her ruse had assured her fiancé. So, runs the legend, was the chrysanthemum created one moonlight night in a Japanese garden, where silvery broods murmured softly, as they ran beneath the little bamboo bridges.

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

H. H. Rogers, the New York millionaire, is an exception among the great financiers in having a woman for his private secretary, says Tit-Bits. This extremely responsible post is filled by Miss K. I. Harrison, who receives for her services a salary which is reported to be \$5,000 a year.

Miss Harrison has been with Mr. Rogers for several years, and in that time has come to know all his business friends and social acquaintances. When Mr. Rogers is out of town, as he frequently is, Miss Harrison runs his office. She has her stenographer, her clerks, and her office boys, who obey her as their chief.

Even when Mr. Rogers is present his time is occupied by such as she has arranged to do; and it must be a very unusual and extremely important piece of business that can get a personal conference with even Miss Harrison, to say nothing of Mr. Rogers, until it has been taken up by correspondence and analyzed and considered.

Mark Twain once said that, if he let his correspondents go unanswered long enough, they would answer it at all, and he could throw away large bundles of neglected letters at a time. Perhaps this influence—Mark Twain and Mr. Rogers are fast friends—is felt in Miss Harrison's office; certain it is that many letters arrive there merely to find oblivion.

To Miss Harrison falls the duty of serving as Mr. Rogers' official buffer, more than that, as his representative. She herself has buffers through whom it is difficult to pass except by pre-arranged appointment by letter. Telephone messages are politely requested to be put in written form and submitted through the post.

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"Queen Alexandra is the best instance of a lady long past her prime who has kept much of her beauty, grace and youthful fascination. Age is an open secret with royal personages, and most people know that Britain's Queen will reach 64 on the 1st of December. Yet her figure is perfect; she is still slender in figure, is bright and alert and keeps as keen as ever on many interests and amusements. She is still a good walker, can drive her own motor, is a regular opera-goer, attends balls and parties and is always dressed to perfection."

The King's Daughters at Augusta, Ga., under the leadership of Mrs. Kate Whitehead, of England and Miss Mary Cuthbert, are doing effective work in relieving the suffering caused by the recent frost. The cotton factories of Augusta were so damaged that many of them were forced to shut down for repairs. There were 10,000 people thrown out of work by the shutting down of the mills, and many of them had lost all their household goods and clothing in the frost. The unemployed men were put to work repairing the streets and workrooms were open for the women and the King's Daughters were put in charge of them. Any and every woman who applies for work gets something to do that will pay her 50 cents a day. All garments made in these frost-stricken workrooms after the needs of the sufferers have been supplied will be offered for sale in neighboring factory towns.

## TRIED RECIPES

### Fruit Cake

A simple fruit cake, suitable for the holiday season, but yet not too rich and difficult to prepare, is made quickly. Cream a cup of butter and two cups of brown sugar; add the beaten yolks of three eggs, half a cup of milk, half a cup of dark molasses, a cup of stoned raisins, a cup of currants, two spoonfuls of mixed spices, and four cups of flour mixed with two spoonfuls of baking powder; flavor to taste, with vanilla or anything else, and, last, fold in the whites of two eggs, reserving the third white for the

icing. To this rule may be added chopped figs or nuts, mixing part of the flour with them.

### Chicken and Macaroni

Boil a chicken until tender, take out all bones and pick up the meat fine. Boil half a pound of macaroni until tender, first breaking it up in pieces an inch long. Butter a deep pudding dish, put on the bottom layer of the cooked macaroni, then a layer of the minced chicken, bits of butter, pepper and salt, then some of the chicken liquor; over this put another layer of macaroni, and so on until the dish is filled. Pour a cup of cream over the whole and bake half an hour. Serve on a platter.

### Veal Olives

Cut up a slice of fillet of veal about half an inch thick into squares of three inches. Mix up a little salt pork, chopped with bread crumbs, one onion, a little pepper, salt, sweet mayonnaise, and one egg well beaten; put this mixture upon the pieces of veal, fastening the four corners together with little skewers; lay them in a pan with sufficient veal gravy or light stock to cover the bottom of the pan, dredge with flour and set in a hot oven. When browned on top let them remain until quite tender, which will take 20 minutes. Serve with horseradish.

### A Wise Uncle.

The Queen of Spain has been finding herself in hot water pretty often lately, and her predicaments are usually the result of her failure to understand that even queens have to obey and that the tyrant of etiquette is of the most exacting kind. When Queen Victoria is in trouble she usually asks advice from her uncle, King Edward, and this is always forthcoming in a few terse and vigorous precepts. The Queen was annoyed recently to find that Spanish court precedent forbade her to entertain any guests not of Royal blood, and as she particularly desired to do this, she gave way to a fit of petulance, which culminated in a letter of complaint to King Edward. Her uncle's reply was worthy of Machiavelli. He wrote: "Do not make enemies, and respect other people's stupidity—when necessary. In time, if you are wise, you will get everything your own way."—Argonaut.

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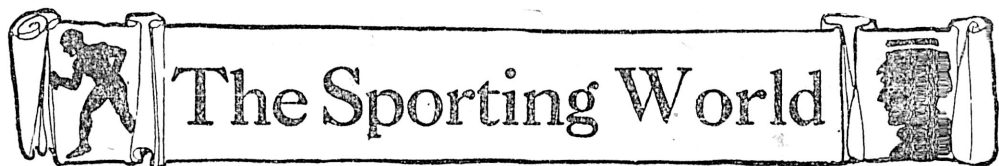
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Both men have finished their training. They are reported to be in splendid shape and their confidence in themselves and the faith their seconds have in their ability to win, are indications

that the contest will be one of the finest that Victorians have had an opportunity of witnessing for many months. Tipping the scales at about the same mark, possessing skill in ring generalship and the art of glove manipulation, having much practical experience in pugilism, they should give a good exhibition.

Len Oliver is seconding the Victoria lad. He announced that Merrifield will weigh in at about 128. While he has been working hard he has been careful not to take off any more flesh than was absolutely necessary because of the fact that his opponent has the advantage in this respect. Eddy Burns and J. Leadham are behind Foley and they think that the young Nanaimo boy is going to show the Victorian something new in the line of swings, upper cuts, etc. Foley will be a little heavier than Merrifield, it being probable that he will run up to between 129 and 130 pounds before donning the mits.

While there is considerable difference of opinion as to which will carry off the handsome silver cup offered, it is generally conceded that the match will be close and the outcome undecided from the time the gong sounds until Referee Dod renders his decision.

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### VICTORIA'S ELEVEN BEATEN AT NANAIMO

Local Soccer Team Narrowly Defeated  
By Coal City Players

Victoria's representative association football team was beaten by Nanaimo in Saturday's match by a score of 3 to 2. The game, as indicated by the score, was close throughout. Owing to the deplorable condition of the grounds first class work was impossible. On such a heavy turf the comparatively light men who wore the Capital colors were at a disadvantage. Their heavier opponents were able to overwhelm the visitors by means of their superior weight, while the combination, on which Victoria relies, could not be effectively developed. However, the defence of Leimer and his lieutenants on the back division was so well sustained that the onslaughts of the Nanaimo forwards were repeatedly repulsed. On the other hand the Capital forwards got several opportunities which they converted.

## NOTABLE VICTORY FOR AUSTRALIANS

Anglo-Welsh Rugby Team Decisively Defeated By Colonials

### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Arrangements For Next Season's Cricket—Notes on British Sport

News of a victory of the Australian rugby fifteen over the Anglo-Welsh team which toured the Colonies, the result of recent county championship matches, the arrangements contemplated for the reception of the Australian cricket team which will tour the Old Country next summer, and the announcement of the outcome of a lacrosse match between two University teams, evidence that the Canadian National game is being enthusiastically adopted there, is a summary of the sporting information contained in British exchanges just to hand.

To Victorians doubtless the match between the Australian and Anglo-Welsh teams will be the most interesting inasmuch as the latter players were seen in action on this coast and also because it is the intention of the touring Colonials to return via the Pacific Coast and to play in Vancouver Victoria and California.

#### Australian Victory.

A budget of Old Country news follows:

The Australians beat the Anglo-Welsh team which toured in the Colonies under the captainship of A. P. C. Harding, at Richmond, by three goals and three tries to nothing. From various causes the Anglo-Welsh side had nothing approaching their full strength outside the scrum-mage; but the pack was representative, and in the circumstances the play of the team as a whole was intensely disappointing.

As a stop-gap to fill the vacant date on the Australian programme caused by the deferred England fixture the match served its purpose well for there was a large company on the Athletic Ground; but the football lacked tone, much of it was haphazard, and the numerous irregularities of play and the difficulty which the half-backs experienced in putting the ball into the scrum-mage called for more "whistling" than should have been necessary in a match of any pretensions to first class. The Anglo-Welsh team were outplayed from the kick-off, and the strange fact was that the score should have not reached much greater proportions. It is impossible to point to any particular moment of the game when the play of the Anglo-Welsh side reached anything approaching a normal standard. The men were out-paced, out-skilled, and out-maneuvred. When they did

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happen to get the ball in the scrum-mage they were either pushed off it or the heeling was so slow that the opposing forwards swept round on to H. Laxon before he could get in an accurate pass; the forwards were slow in breaking and in following up, and the outside half-back and the three-quarter backs, without exception, played badly. Their tackling when they did tackle was high; and as a rule they made the fatal omission of not going for the man with the ball. Even J. C. M. Dyke, after beginning well, dropped his game and took to fielding the ball from the bounce. There was indeed, not one redeeming characteristic in the football of this Anglo-Welsh side; and, as already observed, it was remarkable that the Australians did not get through on many more occasions.

One of the reasons why the score was limited to three goals and three tries was that the Australian centre three-quarter backs, J. Hickey and E. Mandible, misfielded some passes; and another was that the forwards in their paces were continually over-running the man with the ball. Nothing more than normal judgment was necessary to pre-empt the ultimate issue of the match from the early play. The Australian forwards began to get the ball at the start; F. Wood, the scrum-mage half-back, delivered his passes with quickness and accuracy, so that W. Pentice, the five-eighth, was able to make very many openings for the three-quarter line. W. Pentice is one of the most accomplished of the Australian backs; his pace, feint, and swerve beat the Anglo-Welsh defence at every turn. He got one try himself, and was usually the means of making the chances for the scoring of the others, four of which were got by Russell and one by Dix.

The team were as follows:  
Anglo-Welsh Team—J. C. M. Dyke, back; F. E. Chapman, R. B. Griffiths, J. P. Jones, and H. T. Maddocks, three-quarter-backs; H. Laxon and C. F. Rowlands, half-backs; A. P. C. Harding, P. S. Down, G. R. Hind, H. Archer, J. F. Williams, W. L. Oldham, J. A. S. Ritson, and L. S. Thomas, forwards.

The Australlans—P. Carmichael, back; W. Dix, J. Hickey, E. Mandible, and C. Russel, three-quarter-backs; F. Wood and W. Pentice, half-backs; Dr. Moran, J. Barnett, C. Griffen, C. A. Hammond, R. Craig, A. Burge, P. Mc Cue, and T. Richards, forwards.

#### County Championship.

At Camborne, Cornwall defeated Devon by one goal and one penalty goal to nothing. Neither county was able to get together a thoroughly representative side, and this had some effect upon the game, which was played in fair conditions. A try scored by Bennetts after the match had been progress ten minutes did much to encourage the home team. Jackett kick-

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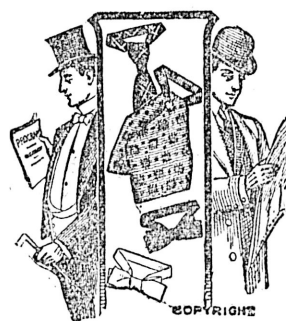
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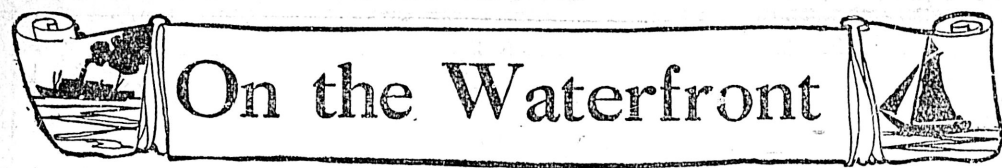
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## FISHING FLEET DESTROYED

Loss of Life Totalled 350—Chiyo Maru Ready For Pacific Service

The steamer Titan, of the Blue Funnel line, Capt. Robert Day, which reached the outer wharf on Sunday morning from Liverpool via the usual ports of call, brought the largest amount of Chinese provisions, over 2,000 tons in all, carried to this coast by any vessel. The big shipment, which is consigned to the Chinese communities of the Pacific coast, includes 700 tons of firecrackers, samshu, sacrificial paper, liches, pumalos, preserved ginger, and many and varied kinds of Chinese delicacies in readiness for the feasts to celebrate the Chinese New Year, beginning on January 20. The Titan left Liverpool on October 17, and after calling at the many ports on the way around the world, left Yokohama on December 13 at 4.30, her steaming time across the Pacific being 14 days, 4 hours and 30 minutes to William Head, where she came to an anchor at 5 a.m. Sunday. The passage from Yokohama was a rough one, heavy gales being encountered with high seas, and when nearing the Vancouver Island coast thick weather was encountered, Capt. Day being unable to get sights for two days before he made the land at Pacheña.

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## MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist  
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Partly cloudy, wind northwest, 13 m.p.h., in a schooner, at 3.20 p.m.

By Wireless  
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Light rain, wind west, 24 miles an hour. Bar, 30.03, temp. 42. Easted in, four masted schooner, at 3.10 p.m. Out, U. S. steamer Buffalo, at 5.45 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind west, occasional hail squalls. Bar, 30.07, temp. 36. Rough sea. No shipping.

Pacheña, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, rain, hail and snow. Wind west. Bar, 29.92, temp. 34. Moderate sea. No shipping.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar, 29.90, temp. 36. Sea smooth. South at 4 p.m., small black freight steamer, one masted.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar, 29.90, temp. 39. Out, freight steamer Alaskan, at 3.25 p.m. In, steamer Queen City, at 3.30 p.m.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CHARTER MARKET

Both Grain and Lumber Rates Remain Weak and Little Business Was Transacted

The International Sailing Ship Owners' Union has discontinued for a period of four months, commencing January 1st, its minimum rate of 27s 6d on grain ships to Portland and Puget Sound, to the United Kingdom, says the San Francisco Commercial News in its weekly review of the shipping market. This action is taken because of the impossibility of getting that rate in the face of competition on the part of tramp steamers and vessels not in the union. The last fixture for northern loading was at 22s 3d or 3s 3d below the union minimum. The San Francisco minimum rate remains unchanged, the grain export season being practically ended.

Disengaged tonnage on the coast continues burdensome and both grain and lumber freights are weak with very little business being transacted. This is partly due to the poor foreign market for lumber and partly to the holidays. Puget Sound to Mejillones has been done at 38s 9d, and a steamer has been taken on time charter for Taku Bar at 4s 6d on deadweight, this being about all the business transacted during the week.

Coastwise freights continue firm, fixtures having been made during the week on the basis of \$4.50 from the Sound, Grays Harbor, or Willapa Harbor to San Pedro.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s 6d/28s 3d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 30s/32s 6d; to Fremantle, 30s; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s; Callao, 38s 9d/40s; direct nitrates ports, 38s 9d/40s; Valparaiso for orders, 40s/42s 6d; 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African ports, 47s 6d; to U. K. or Continent, 48s 6d/50s; Guayaquil, \$5.75; Santa Rosa, \$6.50.

Private mail advices from Adelaide, South Australia, report an enormous amount of chartering done both by steamer and sailer for Dec., Jan., Feb. loading; in fact, exporters consider the chartering too heavy while the crop prospects are still uncertain. Steamers are offering for December loading at 20s to 21s and at 22s to 23s 6d for Dec., Jan., Feb. loading. A few odd sailers are being chartered on the minimum of 2s 6d, principally for the carrying of while other owners ask anything from 2s 6d to 23s. The wheat yield of South Australia is estimated at 25 million bushels with an exportable surplus of 21,000,000 bushels. Report from Victoria indicate that with favorable weather the yield will be about the same as in South Australia. Reports from New South Wales indicate a very poor outlook with a probability of about 10 to 12 million bushels, or little more than enough for home needs.

## EMPRESS SAILS TOMORROW

White Liner Will Leave for Hongkong and Way Ports—Other Movements

The R. M. S. Empress of China will sail tomorrow for the outer wharf for Hongkong and way ports with a full cargo. The steamer Empress of Japan from this port reached Yokohama on Christmas day. The steamer Teucer which is completing her cargo on the coast will sail on Thursday for the Orient and Liverpool. The Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha which left Yokohama on December 23, is bringing 192 tons of general freight and 9 passengers for this port, being due here January 7. The Montague, which is also on the way from Yokohama is due about January 4.

## WRECKAGE WAS FOUND

Part of Ship's Rail Washed Ashore Two Miles West of Carmanah Point

The Wireless telegraph station at Gonzales hill received word from Pacheña yesterday that two miles west of Carmanah point some wreckage had been washed ashore, including part of ship's rail with the letters S.E.K. 516 painted on it. The land wires to Carmanah are down.

Sixty-five days from Mauritius with a full cargo of sugar for the B. C. Sugar refinery of Vancouver, the Norwegian steamer Elisa arrived at William Head yesterday morning, and proceeded to the Terminal city to discharge her cargo.

The Weir steamer Tymelee is expected in a few days from Iquique to load bunker coal at Comox.

Steamer Princess May sailed yesterday morning for Ladysmith to discharge 190 tons of cargo brought from Skagway and will proceed to Vancouver from where she leaves for Skagway tonight.

## PRINCESS CHARLOTTE REPORTED SUNDAY

Seen Passing Point Reyes on California Coast—Due Tomorrow

The new C. P. R. liner Princess Charlotte was reported on Sunday passing Point Reyes, California, on her way to Victoria. She will arrive here tomorrow morning after a passage of 59 days from the yards of the builders at Govan on the Clyde. The Princess Charlotte, finest of the C. P. R. fleet, already including the best of passenger liners in the inter-port trade in Pacific waters, left the yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company on the Clyde after a series of trial trips at which she developed a speed of 21 knots an hour, on November 1st, and calls were made at St. Vincent in the Azores, Montevideo, the chief port and capital of Uruguay, Coronel in Chili, her first calling port in the Pacific, and Callao in Peru, from where the steamer proceeded to Victoria. She was at Callao on December 14th. No report was made of the steamer after leaving Callao until Sunday, when she was sighted from Point Reyes on her way north.

The Princess Charlotte is coming from the builder's yards complete, differing from the manner in which the Princess Victoria was brought from the Tyne. The housework on the Princess Victoria, which is of wood, was built here. The houses of the Princess Charlotte, which are of steel, were built by a Fairbairn shipyard, the contract price of the steamer fitted and ready for service being £115,000. When the Princess Charlotte arrives she will be hauled out at Esquimalt to be cleaned and overhauled before being placed in service, and will probably have her initial trip about the middle of January.

## CAPT. ANGELO CAUGHT SHARK DURING VOYAGE

While the Ricard de Soler Sailed to Royal Roads Master Fished For Big Fish

Capt. Michael Angelo, of the Chilean ship Ricard de Soler, which is in the Royal Roads, is a mighty fisherman. He is not content to whip trout ponds, nor dangle bait for small fish; nothing but sharks for the Chilean navigator. On the way north from Iquique, when the Ricard de Soler lay becalmed in the open sea, he dangled a hook that looked like an anchor swivelled broadside, with the best part of a cask of salt pork for bait, and the hook was fast to a chain bent to a piece of one-inch Manila rope.

When this tackle dangled from the Ricard de Soler in the warm waters near the line, an energetic pilot fish noticed the meal and like a good pilot fish whose duties are to scout for feed for his lord, the shark, he hurried back, readjusted his suckers to the shark's sides and signalled that an appetizing meal lay ahead. The shark hurried, grasped and swallowed the bait amid much sheering, he was hauled on board the Ricard de Soler, where he was promptly slaughtered. The pilot fish was slid into a bottle filled with alcohol and will go to Chili for Capt. Angelo's private museum.

"You see," he said, "many a captain may put alcohol into a pilot, but it's not many who can put a pilot in alcohol."

## TWELVE DAYS AFLOAT IN FRAIL SAMPAN

Titan Brings News of the Rescue When Near Death's Door of Three Men in a Boat

When the Titan was at Singapore, her officers heard of the rescue by the steamer Shirala, loaded with sugar from Java for Calcutta, of three unknown men who were near death's door after spending twelve days in a sampan lost at sea. When the three men were sighted in the sampan one was at the bow waving his hands frantically, and when the boat got close alongside, the waving arms were raised above with the palms meeting in the air, and the men on board, it did not take long for these three individuals to get up the rope ladder. They brought with them a small black oblong box, two jars, one with some water in it, a dirty sail, and a basket with two Chinese hats stuck together on top of it. Directly they were on board, the sampan was cast adrift and the steamer was away again at full speed.

The Chinese carpenter on board was the only man who could make out anything these men said, and through him was learned the following tale. Chinaman was a trader, and the other two were boatmen, and they started from a place called Deli on the north-east coast of Sumatra to call at several other places along the coast. Two days later a gale sprung up and took them right out to sea, and when day dawned they were completely out of sight of land. Being without any lights save a small lamp, they were in practical darkness at night, and drifted about wherever the current chose to take them, and in the day they rowed and sailed in the hopes of sighting land or a vessel.

It was not, however, till they had been twelve days at sea, and when they were almost in despair, that they sighted the Shirala, and then they commenced waving desperately to attract attention. When picked up they were found very weak, and the place they had started from, and 60 miles from Penang. They had originally provisions in the boat for two days and had managed to make these, together with some fish which they had caught, last all the time they had been adrift. They were lucky as regards water, for they had a good deal of rain, which enabled them to keep the two chattles at any rate partially filled.

The bell buoy on Gossip reef, near Active pass, is adrift according to notices received by the local agent of marine.

British ship Arrammore, chartered to load lumber at Tacoma, left yesterday for the Sound.

## MANILA WANTS ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

Shipmasters Testify at Meeting Called For Purpose That it is Unnecessary

An agitation for the abolition of compulsory pilotage was on when the steamer Titan was at Manila taking in hemp. The Manila Cable News says: The advocates of compulsory river pilotage made a poor showing at yesterday's session of the pilotage board. A general invitation by Member Carrall to all masters of inter-island boats to present themselves before the board to give the views on the matter of pilotage resulted in the attendance of but two mariners. They were Capt. Ferrer and Yribar. They believed that owing to the narrowness of the river and the strong currents accidents would be frequent but for service of competent pilots. Even if pilotage were optional, they said, they would secure pilots when entering the river with their craft. Asked by Surveyor Cairns if he would insist on a pilot's service if he had to pay for same out of his own funds, Capt. Yribar candidly replied in the negative, his answer causing considerable hilarity.

Capt. Outbridge, of the Tean in a communication addressed to Messrs. Smith, Bell and company, stated that pilotage at the ports of Cebu and Iloilo should be optional. The captain was present at yesterday's session and in reply to questions of the surveyor of customs and other members of the board, gave his reasons for that opinion. Concerning foreign pilotage Capt. Outbridge expressed the belief that a pilot station established at Corregidor would be deemed to incite desultory and to a large measure of appreciation and patronage by foreign masters.

Capt. Ryan, of the Pluto, and Capt. Hillgrove, Miller and Hennings, of the Basilio, Mindoro and Corregidor, respectively, were emphatic in their statement that river pilotage is unnecessary. They are not in the habit of taking pilots when entering and leaving the river, navigation in Pasig being easy. A master of a coastwise boat considering himself incompetent to berth his vessel without assistance, is incompetent to hold his job—Capt. Hillgrove opined.

The paper gives the average earnings of the pilots as \$127.31 monthly.

## JEFFERSON HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

While Steaming Through Grenville Channel Unknown Vessel Collided With Her

While bound from Quadra to Seattle, the steamer Jefferson, Capt. J. G. Nord, had a narrow escape in collision with an unknown steamer. The Jefferson was struck a glancing blow on the guard on the port quarter. No damage was done, but for a few minutes it appeared to the officers as if a serious accident could not be averted.

The collision took place at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning in Grenville channel, British Columbia waters, about three miles from the north end of the channel. The lights of the approaching steamer were distinguished by Pilot Charles S. Davis, who was on the bridge, fifteen minutes before the vessels passed. The northbound craft was using her searchlight, and it is the opinion of the Jefferson's officers that this prevented the pilot of the other steamer from seeing the Jefferson's lights.

In the narrow channel Pilot Davis kept his vessel as close as possible to the west side, but as the other steamer approached it appeared as if she would cut the passenger liner down. Capt. Davis blew his whistle, and when it seemed that nothing could prevent a serious collision, the other vessel swung around and bumped the Jefferson on the quarter. Whether the officers of the northbound craft saw the Jefferson is not known.

The impact was not severe, but some of the passengers felt it. Capt. Nord rushed on deck, although he did not feel the shock. The Jefferson was stopped and a hasty examination revealed no damage. Capt. Nord turned his command around in order to stand by should the other vessel need aid. However, the northbound craft, by this time, was a considerable distance away only her stern light being visible. Seeing that she could not be overtaken in a short run, and that she was apparently uninjured, the Jefferson resumed her course.

"We had the right of way," said Capt. Davis yesterday, "but it seemed to me that the officers of the other steamer, in using their searchlight, failed to see us. We could not hug the shore any closer, and it was impossible to avoid the slight collision which, fortunately, did no damage. I blew the whistle to attract their attention when it seemed they did not see us. The weather was fine and the night clear, but we could not make out the other vessel."

McKenzie Bros., of Vancouver, B. C., have sent out invitations for the trial trip of the steamer Rupert City, formerly the Powhatan. The Rupert City will go through her paces on January 2, leaving Vancouver at 12:45 p.m., and returning at 5 p.m., after making a run in the Gulf of Georgia. An orchestra will furnish music and luncheon will be served at 1:30 o'clock. The Rupert City, which will run to Prince Rupert, has been overhauled and placed in condition for passenger travel. She has wireless and other modern conveniences.

John McLean and William Hayes, second and third mates respectively of the British steamer Suvler, had an unpleasant experience through the overzealousness of a Seattle customs official. They were arrested at an early hour Sunday morning, and an alert policeman as they were coming ashore from the vessel carrying a box containing a few pieces of cheap chinaware. The men were thrown in jail on a charge of smuggling, but after the customs authorities, who were called in, investigated the case, both were released.

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United States Inspectors Whitney and Turner have suspended for ninety days the license of Mate William C. Ansell, who is held responsible for the recent grounding of the steamer Northland. The suspension dates from December 23. The Northland, which runs out of Seattle to Ketchikan, Juneau and other southeastern Alaska ports, was south-bound when she grounded on Enterprise reef, in British Columbia waters, on the morning of November 27. The inspectors preferred charges against Mate Ansell who was on watch, and investigated the case December 18. They found that he was guilty of careless navigation. The steamer was repaired at the Moran yards for the contract price of \$8,000, and has since resumed her run. The four masted Oliver J. Olson, has won the sailing record from San Francisco, having voyaged from the Golden Gate to Tacoma in five days, reaching Tatoosh in four days. She had fine weather, and passed in just before the Christmas gale.

## MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive	From the Orient	Due
Titan	From Skagway	Dec. 27
Montague	From Australia	Jan. 5
Aorangi	From Mexico	Jan. 14
Georgia	From Skagway	Jan. 16
Princess May	From Northern British Columbia ports	Jan. 7
Venture	From Northern British Columbia ports	Jan. 7
Princess Beatrice	From West Coast	Dec. 31
Tees	From San Francisco	Dec. 30
Unatilla	From San Francisco	Dec. 27
Queen	From San Francisco	Dec. 31
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Jan. 5

Vessels	Sailing	Left	Date
Puritan	For Boston	For the Orient	Jan. 5
Iyo Maru	For Australia	For the Orient	Jan. 5
Makura	For Australia	For the Orient	Jan. 1
Lonsdale	For Mexico	For the Orient	Dec. 31
Princess May	For Skagway	For the Orient	Dec. 28
For Northern British Columbia Ports			
Venture	For Northern British Columbia ports	For the Orient	Dec. 28
Princess Beatrice	For West Coast	For the Orient	Jan. 4
Tees	For San Francisco	For the Orient	Jan. 1

Local Steamers, Victoria-Seattle.  
S. S. Princess Royal.  
Leave Victoria 11:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. Arrive Victoria 2 p.m. daily except Monday.

Leave Vancouver 6:50 p.m. daily. Arrive Victoria 4 p.m. daily. Arrive Victoria 6:00 p.m. daily. Victoria-Seattle, via Port Townsend Whatcom.

Leaves Victoria 5 p.m. daily except Thursday. Arrives daily at 2:20 p.m. Upper Fraser River.

Beaver.  
Leaves New Westminster 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Leaves Chilliwack 7 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.

Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)  
Joan.  
Leaves Nanaimo 7 a.m. Leaves Vancouver 2 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Victoria-Nanaimo.  
S.S. City of Nanaimo.  
Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p.m. Leave Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p.m. Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 a.m. Leave Nanaimo Wednesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p.m. Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p.m. Leave Nanaimo Friday 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p.m. Leave Union Bay and Comox Saturday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

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Shanghai	30s
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Mr. G. M. Gordon, of London, England, is at the Empress.

J. Tillard was a passenger by the V. & S. to Saanichton yesterday.

Miss Sehl left for Vancouver yesterday evening, where she intends spending a few days.

Mr. J. R. Shearer returned from Vancouver on Sunday, after having spent Christmas there.

Miss Bowron, who was spending Christmas with friends at Cle-Elum, returned to town yesterday.

Mr. Schofield, who has been spending a few days in Vancouver, returned to Victoria on Sunday evening.

Miss Dallas, from Vancouver, is spending a few days in town, and is staying at "Rocabella."

Mrs. White, of the Balmoral, was hostess at a most enjoyable young people's Christmas party on Saturday.

Richard Sewell has returned after spending several months at River's Inlet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morgan, from Edinburgh, Scotland, en route for New Zealand, are visiting friends in this city.

Wm. Gidley, of Duncan, arrived in Victoria by the noon train yesterday, and is a guest at the King Edward.

W. McLennan, of Cumberland, is in the city on business. He is registered at the King Edward hotel.

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Concerning Slavin.

Sporting Editor.  
Sir—Would you kindly answer through your columns whether Frank P. Slavin was ever champion boxer of the world? A. P. OAKDEN.  
Ladsmith Hotel, 2401 Dec. 1908.

N. B.—Slavin was never champion of any country. After Peter Jackson won the championship of Australia and left for America Slavin sprung up. He defeated all the promising fighters there but as he had not met Jackson was styled the "near-champion." He fought a draw with John Smith, champion of England and was later knocked out by Jackson.—(Sporting Ed.)

Misfortune overtook the Los Angeles basketball team while travelling north to meet the representative fives of the different centres of Washington and British Columbia. In a train wreck near Albany, Ore., two of the players were seriously injured that they had to be sent home. As a result the tour will be deferred for a week or more.

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## BAD CHARACTERS FROM OTHER SIDE IN CITY

Recent Robberies Believed to Have Been Committed by Late Arrivals

That there is a gang of crooks at the present time, composed of nifty individuals who have sought this city after having been driven out from the other side in the annual housecleaning which the police authorities of the Sound cities make, is the opinion of the local police authorities. Within the past few days a series of thefts have been perpetrated which indicate that the recent arrival here of numbers of the criminal element is making itself felt.

Following the theft from the Prince saloon on Friday morning of the sum of \$433, came the attempt at the Palace saloon on the same morning, but the would-be thief was disturbed before he completed his work and was allowed to depart by Herbert Adams, the bartender, after giving a plausible story that he had been locked in the bar over night. A broken window and a disturbed combination on the safe later indicated that the intruder was after plunder.

Early Sunday morning the window in the store of A. P. Blyth, Jeweller, Port street, was smashed, a hole large enough to allow of a quantity of toilet articles valued at \$65, being made. Just when the theft was committed is not certain, but in the morning passersby noticed the break and informed the police. The thief was evidently in a hurry and did not take a number of valuable articles within easy reach.

Not content with directing their attention to business places, the thieves have also operated among the residences of the city. On Thursday evening while the members of the family were down town shopping, the residence of H. S. Pringle, North Park street, was entered through a rear window, a bureau broken open as if with an axe, and a quantity of jewelry consisting of rings, watches and other articles, was stolen, the whole valued at about \$200. Signs of the thief, or thieves, were evident in other portions of the house, but the intruders had departed before Mr. Pringle and his family returned.

It would appear that the thieves are pursuing a systematic method in their robberies. The experience of Captain Gardiner, North Park street, opposite the residence of Mr. Pringle, can be taken as their work. On Saturday an individual, of the appearance of a workman, called at Capt. Gardiner's residence, knocked at the door and when Mrs. Gardiner answered, asked if any cordwood was needed. He was told that none was required, and he departed only to return in the afternoon and asked to be allowed to use the telephone. The phone was out of working order and the man was told so, but some time later he again returned and again asked to be allowed to use the telephone. Again he was told he could not as it was not in order but when Mrs. Gardiner endeavored to close the door the man stuck his foot against the door and would not allow of its being closed. Unfortunately for the nifty individual, Capt. Gardiner was in the house at the time and responded to his wife's call. A straight one from the shoulder put the unwelcome visitor out upon the sidewalk, and he hurriedly took himself off. Evidently the man's sole intention was to gain access to the house in the hope that he would be able to pick up any convenient article of value or have a look at the interior arrangements of the place.

Since the robbery at the Prince saloon, the police have been doing everything possible to locate the robber, but so far without any very definite success. The strange element in the city has, however, been undergoing a close scrutiny, and three suspicious characters whose accounts of their movements did not prove very satisfactory, are now behind the bars.

## NOTABLE VICTORY FOR AUSTRALIANS

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ed a goal and so gave them a lead of five points. Even play followed, but Cornwall increased their advantage, as Jackett kicked a penalty. After the interval Devon were hard pressed for a time and it was chiefly owing to the brilliant work done by Lillier that the home side were prevented from scoring. Gradually Devon improved, but though they repeatedly attacked, they could not score. Towards the close, however, the game went all in favor of Cornwall. There was no question that the home forwards were stronger in the tight scrummages, and this was an important factor in determining the result, as they were also the stronger at half back. Peters was not seen at his best and although Jago gave a fine exhibition, Wedge and Balce made the better pair. In addition to the weakness of Peters, the Devon three-quarters were unreliable and rarely showed to the same advantage as the home four. Browett and Bennett worked together extremely well and Dean was always useful. Both the full backs were in good form, Wilson was certainly the best forward on the field, and he was well supported by Lawry and Tregurtha. The game, if not up to a very high standard was exciting to watch.

The game between Gloucestershire and Somerset in the southwestern group of the county championship took place at Gloucester, and Somerset sustained their second defeat this season in the competition, losing by one goal, one try, and four points to three. It is, however, only fair to state that they were weakly represented, no fewer than nine refusals having been received, while the home side played as they were expected. The game proved a fast and exciting one, and although the winners were the better side all round, the losers played bravely.

Gloucestershire had an advantage forward so far as heeling out was concerned, and helped by clever combination between the Gloucester half-backs, they were given plenty of chances. They were, however, met by good tackling on the Somerset right wing, where J. P. Timmins and E. Ascott were good in defence. On the other wing there was a weakness, and this was fully taken advantage of by L. Hayward (Cheltenham), who was the best three-quarter on the field, and E. F. Gherie, the Old Cliftonian. In the loose Somerset were the better side, some of their rushes being very effective and in the "line out" they were clever. The Gloucestershire forwards were in better condition and excellent work was done by Berry and Johns of Gloucester and Mathias and Moore of Bristol. Gloucestershire was the most prominent forward on the Somerset side, and he



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They clean outclassed the husky boys from the western suburb. As an exhibition, however, the match was not without class and the interest of those in attendance was maintained throughout. Frank Smith, who refereed, did not have much difficulty in keeping the players within the limits of the regulations.

The score in detail follows: North Ward—J. Dakers (score 9) and C. Cousins (score 2), guards; Joe Dakers (score 4), centre; W. Malcolm (score 8) and A. Dakers (score 17), forwards; Victoria West—P. Wilson (score 2) and Beatty (score 9), guards; A. Corkle (score 8), centre; C. Fairall (score 2) and H. Brown (score 6), forwards.

### Next Week's Game.

Next week's game between the Y. M. C. A. and James Bay teams is expected to be one of the features of the season. In a recent contest the Bays defeated North Ward by a single point and as yet the Y. M. C. A. lads have not suffered a reverse. The meeting of these two top-notchers is believed will develop a struggle of unusual keenness. As usual it will take place at the Assembly hall and in all probability there will be a large crowd on hand to witness and to cheer.

The Vancouver Rugby team has been beaten in the first match in the series for the Copper Kelt trophy by the Stanford college players. It looks as though the burly American students might carry home the emblem of the coast championship. Certainly the Mainlanders must improve if they don't want to see the cup leave the British side.

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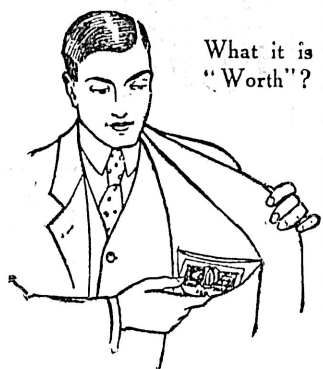
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**WANTED—From two to five sections timber close to water, within sixty miles of Vancouver. Must have at least one-half cedar. Address Box 126, Victoria, B. C. A11**

**ALBERT LAMBERT**  
Advertiser will purchase all kinds of property at prices as reasonable. Address Box 373 Colonist. A11

**WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. A. A. Aaronsen, 55 Johnson street. A11**

**FOR SALE—PROPERTY.**  
FOR URGENT SALE—The very best double corner in business section of Victoria. Situated on corner of 142 feet one block from C. P. R. depot, will sacrifice for \$3,750, terms. Jones, 1185 Haro St., Vancouver. Phone 3226. A11

**FOR SALE—20 acres on Somers Lake, one mile from Leucan. Majority cultivated. Fine house, barn, water laid on, outbuildings, good fishing, duck shooting. Box X, Duncan. A11**

**TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS.**  
TO LET—Furnished bedrooms with breakfast. One block Beacon Hill car. "Beachcroft." Boyd St. A11

**TO LET—Furnished room, bath, electric light, heat, board if desired.**  
1605 Blanchard. A11

**FURNISHED ROOMS—Very central, 210 Douglas, corner Humboldt St. A11**

**FURNISHED ROOMS with board; piano and phone.**  
"Bellevue," Quebec St., close to Government buildings. A11

**TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms, excellent convenience.**  
349 Fort St. Phone B1243. A11

**FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to steam bath and corner Birdcage Ward and Bellfield street. Mrs. Woodhill (formerly Revere House). A11**

**WANTED—TO RENT**  
WANTED—To rent, a small furnished house, immediate possession. Address 461, Colonist. A11

**BOARD AND ROOM.**  
FREE board and lodging for girl as company in evenings. 501, Colonist. A11

**ROOM AND BOARD**  
can be got at "Maplehurst," 1937 Blanchard St. A11

**TO LET—Board and room, also table board, \$5.00—comfortable reception room, two blocks from postoffice.**  
756 Rae St. A11

**LOST AND FOUND**  
PARTY who by mistake took sack containing small parcel, please return to Market Inspector. A11

**LOST—A bunch of keys.**  
Reward. Box 430 Colonist. A11

**LOST—Between Linden Avenue and the Victoria theatre, on Saturday night, a pair of gold-rimmed eye-glasses. Case. Reward. Colonist office. A11**

**TO LET—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS**  
TO LET—Large furnished housekeeping room. 1120 Vancouver. A11

**FURNISHED housekeeping and single rooms.**  
Prince Rupert House, Bastion Square. A11

**TO LET—Furnished rooms and housekeeping rooms.**  
Hotel Canada, Phoebe. A11

**Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant**  
Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects. A11

## WANTED—MALE HELP

**WANTED—Experienced clothing salesman.**  
Apply between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, Monday. Allen & Co. A27

**WANTED—A Japanese for housework and cooking; a good cook preferred; state wages expected.**  
E. A. Crofton, Salt Spring Island. A24

**WANTED—An apprentice to jewelry business.**  
Apply W. H. Wilkerson, Jeweler, 915 Government St. A6

**WANTED—FEMALE HELP**  
WANTED—Good working housekeeper; none other need apply. King Edward. A27

**WANTED—Woman or girl for housework.**  
Apply 1422 Stanley Ave. A27

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
**WANTED—A COTTAGE**  
WANTED—A new 4 or 5 roomed cottage; must be modern and new, well situated. Will rent or purchase. D. C. Field & Co., 5 Mainland Bldg. Phone 1341. A23

**SHACKS, COTTAGES**  
Contracts wanted to build; from \$100 to \$2,000, town or country. New designs, estimates and estimates free. Jobbing, repair work. Greenhouse work a specialty. Box 10, Colonist. A11

**WANTED—Carpenter work, small contracts; first-class work guaranteed at reasonable prices.**  
139, Colonist. A11

**FOR SALE—Twenty-seven laying hens.**  
\$4.75 for quick sale. 2000 Douglas St. A24

**FOR SALE—Young English setter dog, trained and well marked.**  
See Super. A23

**MRS. ROACH of the Corona House**  
has left Victoria and will take over the Empress Hotel, 112 Douglas, on January 1, which will in the future be known as the Corona. A29

**WHY PAY seven dollars for wood?**  
Dry wood cut, 12 inches 4, dry shaks 4 feet long, 3 1/2 1000 210. A11

**FOR A QUICK SALE, 1,000 Can. Northern white spruce, 10 to 12 ft. 350, Colonist. A11**

**FOR SALE—A sixty dollar Deanshire typewriter for twenty dollars.**  
Not quite new, but in excellent condition and writes perfectly. This ad. will not appear again. Box 313 Colonist. A11

**COLE BROS.—Contractors.**  
Estimates given for brickwork, chimneys, foundations. All kinds of building work. 1921 Blanchard St. Phone B-1099 after 6 p.m. A11

**ALTON & BROWN, carpenters and builders.**  
Estimates given on all kinds of building work. We specialize in conservatories and greenhouses. Prompt attention. First-class work and moderate prices. Phone B-1494. Residence 333 May St., Victoria. A11

**MILLWOOD and park shaks, \$3.00 each; oak shaks, \$3.50 each; quantity, Hall, Phone 1124. A11**

**BANJO, MANDOLIN AND GUITAR**  
taught by W. G. Houghton, Graduate of the Alexander Mannion and Guitars Club, past professor of Banjo Mandolin and Guitar at Alberta College, Edmonton, etc. Phone A1468. Studio 525 View Street. A11

**SLAUGHTER SALE—A carload of delivery wagons, wagons, farmers' wagons, agricultural implements, horse-drawn carriages with rubber or steel tires. Also a number of second-hand wagons and carts of different kinds. K. B. Vernon, Victoria Works, 723 Commercial St., above City Hall. A11**

**CARPENTER, practical in all branches.**  
Furniture repaired neat and cheap. F. Smith, 1265 Richardson St., East. A11

**FOR SALE—Houston tenoner, one shaper, one Smith mortiser, one small dynamo, one sticker.**  
Also six electric saws. Taylor Mill, Ltd., 2116 Government street, P. O. Box 528 120 A11

**FOR SALE—Buggies, delivery and farm wagons.**  
Wagon, agricultural implements, wire fence, gasoline engines, etc. B. C. Hardware Co., Ltd., 510 Johnson street, Victoria. A11

**ANTIQUE JEWELRY, Diamonds, Engravings and Pictures**  
bought and sold. Mrs. A. Aaronsen, 55 Johnson street. A11

**BAGGAGE**  
Promptly handled at current rates by the Victoria Transfer Co. Phone 125. Office open night and day. A11

**NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY MILL WOOD.**  
It's cheap and good; \$3.00 for a large double board cut in stove lengths, 2 1/2 per cord, 4 ft. length. Lumbar Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone 910. A11

**COTTON RAGS**  
wanted at the Colonist Job Department.

**POULTRY AND LIVE STOCK**  
FOR SALE—Several Rhode Island Red Cockerels from prize winning stock of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Poultry Association. H. Burgess, Colquhoun P. O. A11

**FOR SALE—Two dozen Plymouth Rock and cockerels, full blood.**  
Inquire 961 North Park. A11

**TO LET—UNFURNISHED**  
UNFURNISHED ROOMS. Apply 335 Yates street. A11

**CIVIC NOTICE**  
The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of the street from the intersection of Douglas Street and to drain and macadamize the same, and that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-Law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statement showing the amount estimated to be chargeable to each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the report of the City Engineer and City Assessor, and the Council having adopted the said report, it is hereby given that the said report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 5 p.m., on each day of the week, and that the said report shall be numbered separately. If amendments are made to any bill during its progress before the Council or through the rule book, such bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

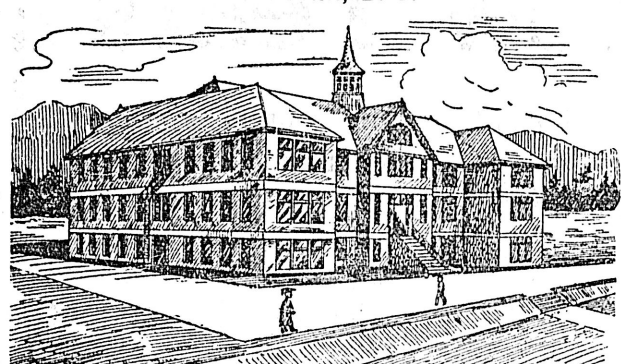
By new Rule 65A, passed on the 2nd April, 1908 (see Journals, 1901, page 281), a model form of Railway Bill is adopted and must be used.

By 65B all bills to incorporate or amend bills incorporating railway companies are to be drawn



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## NEW ADVANCE MARKED IN PRICES OF STOCKS

Favorable Conditions Give the Speculators Courage to Operate

New York, Dec. 28.—The strength and breadth of the stock market today seemed to be based upon a fresh realization of the force of the favorable factors in the general situation, rather than on any new development. Evidently there has been some apprehension that there would be a temporary scarcity of banking credits during the period of annual settlements, that might restrict the resources on which speculative holders could rely to carry their holdings.

The complexion of the bank statement which appeared on Saturday during the closed interval of the stock exchange was accepted as practically definite assurance that the dreaded period of temporary scarcity would be surely bridged. Attention is drawn by the latest statement of the condition of the Canadian banks to the fact that these institutions have increased their call loans in New York to a large extent, and they have a largely augmented cash balance in New York banks, which they could place in the New York money market, as the banks of the domestic interior have done.

The speculative spirit was discernible in the bond market, as well as in stocks. In some bond issues there was a scramble in evidence, caused as usual by volatile movements in prices. As is the rule in stocks, the breadth of the bond market showed that there was an active demand of more substantial character.

The asking price of copper was raised at the New York metal exchange with strengthening effect in copper industrials.

Bonds were stronger. United States three's advanced 1/8 per cent. on call.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 28.—In a bull market like we are having and which we will continue to have, temporary fluctuations, declines and ten points like we had last week simply serve to put the market in safer shape. Today's market showed accumulation in the southern and southwestern group. There was considerable liquidation in transactions. We do not think the reaction in Brooklyn will go very far but are not bullish on Interboro preferred or Third Avenue.

Union Pacific respondent to urgent short covering and closed at the top of the high-priced stocks. New York Central and well as any of the equities of this company's collateral holdings are enormous for such a market as we are having will attract the January disbursements which will place all investments in stocks to sell higher, and included in this latter class will be all the Pennsylvania railway issues.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	84 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
Am. Car. Fdy.	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2
Am. Cot. Oil	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
do pfd	58 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2
Amer. Smelt.	84 1/2	81 1/2	84 1/2
Amer. Sugar	132 1/2	129 1/2	132 1/2
do pfd	129 1/2	126 1/2	129 1/2
Amer. Woolen	22 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2
do pfd	22 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2
Anaconda	101 1/2	97 1/2	101 1/2
Atlantic	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
do pfd	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
B. and O.	111 1/2	109 1/2	111 1/2
C. and O.	69 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2
C. and N. W.	184 1/2	179 1/2	184 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	150 1/2	147 1/2	150 1/2
Cent. Leather	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2
do pfd	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Colo. Southern	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2
do 1st pfd	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
do 2nd pfd	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
Con. Gas	165 1/2	162 1/2	165 1/2
Con. Products	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
do pfd	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2
D. and G.	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
Distillers	39 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2
Erie	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2
do pfd	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
do 2nd pfd	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2
Gen. Elec.	160 1/2	159 1/2	160 1/2
Gl. Nor. Ore. etc.	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
Gl. Nor. pfd	147 1/2	146 1/2	147 1/2
Illinois Cent.	147 1/2	146 1/2	147 1/2
Inter-Met.	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2
do pfd	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
Int. Paper	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
do pfd	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Iowa Central	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2
do pfd	55 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2
L. and N.	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Mackay	70 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2
do pfd	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Mexican Cent.	133 1/2	131 1/2	133 1/2
do pfd	150 1/2	149 1/2	150 1/2
Montreal	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
National Lead	79 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2
Neshouse	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2
N. Y. C.	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
N. Y. C. and W.	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
N. W.	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Northern Pac.	142 1/2	141 1/2	142 1/2
Pacific Coast	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
Pacific Mail	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
Penn. Ry.	147 1/2	146 1/2	147 1/2
Peoples Gas	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Pressed Steel	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
do pfd	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
Reading	141 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2
do 1st pfd	141 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2
do 2nd pfd	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
Rep. Steel	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
Rock Island	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
do pfd	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2
Sloss Steel	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
do pfd	109 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2
Southern Pac.	121 1/2	119 1/2	121 1/2
do pfd	121 1/2	119 1/2	121 1/2
Tenn. Copper	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
Texas Pacific	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
Third Ave.	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
T. L. and W.	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
do pfd	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2
Twin City	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
U. S. Steel	181 1/2	180 1/2	181 1/2
do pfd	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
U. S. Steel	112 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2
U. S. Steel	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
U. S. Steel	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2
U. S. Steel	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2
U. S. Steel	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
U. S. Steel	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2
U. S. Steel	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2
U. S. Steel	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
U. S. Steel	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
U. S. Steel	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2
U. S. Steel	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
U. S. Steel	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
U. S. Steel	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2

### SPokane Stock Exchange.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Alameda	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Copper King	03 1/2	03 1/2	03 1/2
Gertie	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Humming Bird	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Jacky	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Missoula Copper	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Monitor	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Nabob	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
N. K. Consolidated	04 1/2	04 1/2	04 1/2
Oom Paul	03 1/2	03 1/2	03 1/2
Panhandle Smelter	03 1/2	03 1/2	03 1/2
Rex	09 1/2	09 1/2	09 1/2
Snowflake	09 1/2	09 1/2	09 1/2
Stewart	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Tamarack	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Wonder	02 1/2	02 1/2	02 1/2
Yukon	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2

low point was 108 1/2 and the close was 117 1/2. There is a forecast of rain and snow for most of the winter wheat country. The visible supply decreased 355,000 but much less than many expected, and the first hour of the market was characterized by holiday dullness, and to this was chargeable the reaction in prices from the early advance. It will take a decided rally to attract movement to Minneapolis to create a fresh bull enthusiasm. Still we regard the market a purchase on any forced breaks caused by local bear pressure.

Corn—There was a narrow market in corn from first to last. The Liverpool market is showing decided strength and export business is more than probable. The market will turn on the heavy or light marketing by the country.

Oats—Receipts of 311 cars are followed by an estimate of 183 cars for tomorrow. The shipping market was lower. Shipping sales 150,000 bushels.

Provisions—Very strong opening was recorded in provisions. There was general advance at the market, and at least a portion of the product sold out by local holders was taken by brokers who evidently had buying orders from shippers. Shipments of lard are large. Hogs are now falling under the estimate each day and are very light in weight. There is an increase in the feeling of bullishness in this May product, which makes buyers take hold on reactions.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. May 107 1/2 107 3/4 106 1/2 106 3/4. July 98 1/2 98 3/4 97 1/2 97 3/4. Sept. 61 61 1/2 60 1/2 60 3/4.

May 51 51 1/2 50 1/2 50 3/4. July 46 1/2 46 3/4 45 1/2 45 3/4. Sept. 39 1/2 39 3/4 38 1/2 38 3/4.

Jan. 16 37 16 40 16 32 16 35. May 16 70 16 70 16 62 16 65. Jan. 9 55 9 57 9 50 9 52. May 9 75 9 75 9 67 9 70. Sept. 8 85 8 85 8 77 8 80.

Black Mountain 03 03 1/2. (Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Boston, Dec. 28.—The close tonight was very strong all through the market and it looks as if stocks would be marked up as high as possible before the investment demand commences after January 1. The local copper does not get the step much today but will do better tomorrow. Buy Miami, Lake and Wolverine. This last stock is notably cheap and there are to have an advance in the metal.

Stock—Adventure 09 09 1/2. Atlantic 17 17 1/2. Boston Cons. 16 16 1/2. Butte Coalition 27 27 1/2. Calumet and Arizona 118 119. Centennial 33 34 1/2. Copper Range 81 82 1/2. Cumberland 08 08 1/2. Davis-Wood 10 10 1/2. Davis-Daly 03 03 1/2. First National 07 07 1/2. Grange Copper 107 107 1/2. Greene Cananea 12 12 1/2. Helvetia 04 04 1/2. Isle Royale 25 25 1/2. Lake 02 02 1/2. La Salle 14 14 1/2. Mass 05 05 1/2. Bay State Gas 85 85 1/2. Mohawk 70 70 1/2. Nevada-Utah 102 102 1/2. Nipissing 10 10 1/2. Nevada Cons. 95 95 1/2. North Butte 55 55 1/2. Parrot Mining 29 29 1/2. Shannon Copper 07 07 1/2. Superior and Pitsburg 18 18 1/2. Superior Copper 55 55 1/2. Tamarack 83 83 1/2. Trinity 16 16 1/2. Victoria 03 03 1/2. U. S. Smelt. and Ref. 40 40 1/2. Utah Consolidated 46 46 1/2. Utah Copper 46 46 1/2. Wolverine 15 15 1/2. Yukon 01 01 1/2.

### NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton was quiet today after the holidays. A good undertone which caused a moderate advance in prices, statement of figures showing an increase of 95,000 bales compared with about 2,000,000 in last year receipts show only a moderate falling off but traders are optimistic generally on the belief that the year will be better after the turn of the year and that spot dealers have heavy engagements during January and February in the west and the general demand of cotton. Near months are relatively steady.

Option—Open. High. Low. Close. Jan. 8.57 8.73 8.67 8.72. Feb. 8.79 8.95 8.83 8.88. March 8.79 8.95 8.83 8.88. April 8.79 8.95 8.83 8.88. May 8.88 8.91 8.85 8.91. June 8.88 8.91 8.85 8.91. July 8.88 8.91 8.85 8.91. Sept. 8.64 8.69 8.65 8.70. Oct. 8.13 8.13 8.07 8.10.

Seven-year-old Leone Weir, of Moncton, N.B., was burned to death while pouring coal on the fire.

### Maine Merchant Gives Customers Some Good Advice—Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy from His Personal Experience in the Use of It.

In a circular to his customers Mr. Ruel H. Foster, a merchant at Argyle, Maine, gives them the following sound logic on the subject of medicines: "During the twenty odd years I have catered to your wants or demands as a general merchant here, I have found in saying you have found my endorsement of an article generally backed up, its actual merit and quality learned only after personal use. For this reason I recommend to you Chamberlain's medicines which have won their reputation on merit and merit alone. They do precisely what is claimed for them and contain no poison or other injurious ingredients. This I know from personal experience, and if they do not give satisfaction I will repay just what they cost you." The fact that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures and that it is free from narcotics of any kind has made it a general favorite with all classes of people. It is especially recommended for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and may be given to a child with absolute security.

### GRAIN AND PROVISION LETTER.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat—December wheat closed half over the last price of last week and July wheat was up a little at the close with May wheat practically unchanged after a narrow range of for the day. Liverpool was strong and higher before our opening and one cable report claimed wet weather in Argentina. Broomhall said La Plata wheat cargoes held firm. The wheat market was very quiet. Spot wheat at Liverpool on pond high. These were the influences which started something of a buying flurry at the opening which may sold 107 to 107 1/2. In a few minutes the price was back under 107 and did not have a good bulge again during the day. The

## THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour  
Royal Household, a bag ..... \$2.00  
Lake of the Woods, a bag ..... \$2.00  
Royal Standard, a bag ..... \$2.00  
Wild Rose, a bag ..... \$1.75  
Cargary, a bag ..... \$1.75  
Hungarian, per bbl. .... \$1.75  
Snowflake, per bbl. .... \$1.75  
Monet's Best, per bbl. .... \$1.75  
Dried snow, per sack ..... \$1.70  
Three Star, per sack ..... \$2.00

Foodstuffs  
Bran, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Shorts, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Middlings, per 100 lbs. .... \$2.00  
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs. .... \$2.00  
Oats, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Barley, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs. .... \$2.15  
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs. .... \$2.20  
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs. .... \$2.20  
Feed, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Hay, Prairie, per ton ..... \$16.00  
Hay, Alfalfa, per ton ..... \$20.00  
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00

Vegetables  
Celery, per head ..... .05  
Lettuce, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Cauliflower, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Carrots, per 100 lbs. .... \$1.00  
Onions, 5 lbs for ..... .25  
Green Onions, 3 bunches for ..... \$1.00  
Pumpkins, each ..... \$0.10 to \$0.20  
Cauliflower, each ..... \$0.10 to \$0.20  
Cabbage, new, per lb. .... .03  
Ice Cabbage, per lb. .... .03  
Green Beans, per lb. .... .05 to .10  
Beans, per lb. .... .05 to .10  
Lima Beans, per lb. .... .05 to .10  
Peas, per lb. .... .05 to .10  
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs. .... .25

Dairy Produce  
Eggs—  
Fresh Island, per dozen ..... .60  
Eastern, per dozen ..... .50  
Canadian, per lb. .... .20  
Neufchatel, each ..... .05  
Cream, local, each ..... .10  
Butter—  
Maudslayi, per lb. .... .35  
Best Dairy ..... .25 to .30  
Victoria Creamery, per lb. .... .40  
Cowhank Creamery, per lb. .... .40  
Royal Dairy, per lb. .... .40  
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb. .... .40  
Alvoni Creamery, per lb. .... .40

Fruit  
Grape Fruit, each ..... .25  
Oranges, per dozen ..... \$2.50 to \$3.00  
Oranges, Japanese, per box ..... \$7.00 to \$7.50  
Pineapples, each ..... \$1.00 to \$1.50  
Apples, per box ..... \$1.00 to \$1.50  
Bananas, per dozen ..... .25  
Raisins, table, per lb. .... .25  
Raisins, seedling, per lb. .... .25  
Pineapples, each ..... .60  
Grapes, Malaga, per lb. .... .25  
Grapes, seedling, per lb. .... .25  
Cranberries, Cape Cod, qt. .... .25

Nuts  
Walnuts, per lb. .... .30  
Brazil, per lb. .... .15 to .20  
Almonds, Jordan, per lb. .... .75  
Almonds, Cal., per lb. .... .40  
Cocoanuts, each ..... .40  
Chestnuts, per lb. .... .25

Meat and Poultry  
Beef, per lb. .... .08 to .15  
Lamb, per lb. .... .15 to .20  
Mutton, per lb. .... .12 to .15  
Lamb, per quarter, fore ..... \$1.25 to \$1.50  
Lamb, per quarter, hind ..... \$1.75 to \$2.00  
Goose, dressed, per lb. .... .18 to .20  
Guinea Fowls, each ..... 1.00  
Chickens, per lb. .... .25 to .30  
Chickens, per lb. live weight ..... \$1.10 to \$1.15  
Ducks, dressed, per lb. .... .15 to .18  
Hams, per lb. .... .18 to .22  
Hares, dressed, each ..... .75  
Bacon, per lb. .... .20 to .25  
Pork, dressed, per lb. .... .15 to .18  
Rabbits, dressed, each ..... .50 to .65

Wheat in New York  
New York, Dec. 28.—Wheat receipts, 71,000, exports 210,901. Sales 1,000,000. Although rather quiet all day, wheat showed considerable early strength on higher cables, commission house buying and rains in the Argentine, later easing off under profit-taking, except December wheat, which closed 1 1/2, net 109 to 109 1/2, closed 109 1/2, May 110 1/2 to 111 1/2, closed 111 1/2, July closed 105 1/2.

Underwriters to Raise Rates of Insurance  
Advances of About 25 Per Cent. on Ocean Hulls is Anticipated Overdue to Heavy Losses  
Advices from London quote the Times' marine insurance correspondent as saying: "I understand that as a direct result of the meeting of underwriters held recently to consider the position of the market, in several instances increased rates, amounting fully 25 per cent. on those previously quoted, have been obtained on renewals on steamers in the classes affected. The movement on foot to 'raise the rates on ocean hulls,' as stated by a well known New York underwriter, 'is but the natural outcome of the extremely heavy losses the marine underwriters have been compelled to bear and the realization among them that the very disastrous nature of that class of business has proved unremunerative.' The Whitney, Chipewake, Onondaga and Finance are familiar examples of heavy losses, that of Mr. Hill's big boat two years ago off the coast of Japan, alone amounting to \$3,000,000." The advance in marine insurance rates is, therefore, a general one among underwriters all over the world.

The Shipping World says: "A concerted effort on the part of underwriters is now being made to increase rates on various classes of business. We chronicled recently the decision to advance the rates of premium on hulls of American steamers, and we now understand that an agreement has been made to increase the rates on tramp steamers for 12 months by 10 per cent. This is a very necessary move, in view of the disastrous results of the class of underwriters in this section. We understand that on the 1906 'time' account the third year's settlements amount to as much as 30 per cent.

The aggregate supply of gas from the eleven London gas companies is 46,403,852,000 cubic feet, which is distributed among 1,101,000 consumers. There are over 5,000 motor boats on the canals of Holland.

Dr. Donald Gillespie, of Cannington, died suddenly of heart failure.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

RUSSELL—On 26th inst., Charlotte Russell, aged 52, a native of New Plymouth Taranaki, New Zealand. Funeral from her residence on Douglas street, at 2 p. m., Tuesday, the 29th instant.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too Late for Classification)

FOR SALE—3 acres, under cultivation, close to city, at a snap; call A-1, 13, C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Bldg. Phone 1491.

VICTORIA WEST SUPPLY STORES—Result of Prize Scheme: 1, 50; 11, 113; 111, 82.

WANTED—Charitable ladies to give work of any kind to a strong capable woman, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Mrs. Foot, Lock Box 244, City.

WANTED—Man and wife for island farm. State experience and wages expected. G. Bradley Dyne, Sidney P.O.



# Many New Lines Suggesting New Years

We have opened many lines that will make most pleasing New Year Gifts, in the last couple of days. Some were bought for that purpose, others are belated holiday goods that will be marked at very low prices for selling out quickly. The Furniture Store is a very attractive place these days, seldom has the combination of good assortment and low prices been as strong as it is this week.

## \$15 Go-Carts on Wednesday \$8.75

Make the little one a good useful New Year's present, one that will make the youngster more healthy and incidentally save you doctor's bills. These are a handsome line of folding go-carts, extra large and strong, complete with hoods, regular price \$15.00, price for tomorrow .....\$8.75

## Men's Flannel Shirts

Some very attractive Flannel Shirts for men are just to hand that are particularly good values. They are:

IMPORTED ENGLISH FLANNEL SHIRTS best quality, made in pleasing stripes, full fashioned bodies and double stitched seams, each shirt with 2 separate collars to match, each, \$3.50 and.....\$2.75



## The Empress Heater

The Empress is an Air-tight Heater for wood. It is lined with sectional cast iron that will last for years, the body being of heavy planished steel and the top and bottom of cast iron, made in three sizes.

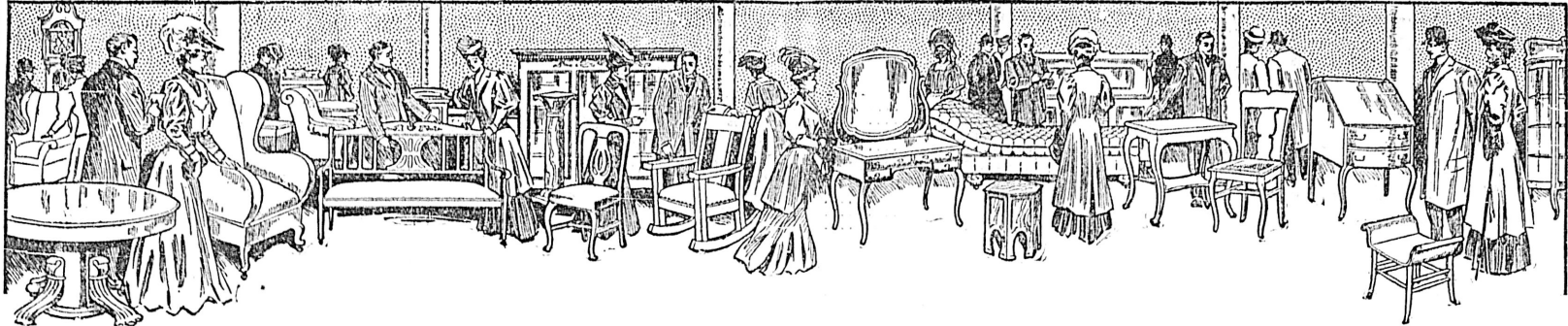
Size 18x24x20 in. Price..\$10.75  
Size 19x15x22 in. Price..\$11.50  
Size 23x16 1/2x26 in. Price \$14.50

## Hair Brushes 25c

A big lot of Fine Hair Brushes we offer at this price. They are an excellent quality, made with backs of both light and dark woods, extra good values we say at this price. 25c

## Decorating and Upholstering

Do you want anything like that done at present? If so, we are the people you should see. We make a specialty of repairing and re-upholstering furniture, we do it in the best possible manner, employ only expert workmen, and our charges are very moderate, considering the quality of the work we do. Then again, we furnish curtains and drapes of all kinds made to fit all places of any wanted material. Estimates will be gladly furnished on request.



# NEW FURNITURE FOR EVERY ROOM

We have a lot of New Furniture to offer you, goods that arrived a little too late for the holiday trade. All new, fresh lines just from some of the biggest and best furniture makers in the business. The prices on these goods will be more than ordinarily attractive. Many pieces and suites for different rooms are included. We mention a number of Parlor and Library Suites that are splendid values.

## Handsome Library Suites and Odd Pieces

THREE-PIECE LIBRARY SUITE, of modern design, upholstered in genuine horsehide leather of marone color, suite comprises one settee, one arm chair, and one reception chair; mahogany finished frames. Price is .....\$130.00

FIVE-PIECE SUITE, in birch mahogany, frames upholstered in green armure. Price is .....\$57.50

MASSIVE THREE-PIECE SUITE, with upholstered spring seats and backs, frames of birch mahogany, covered in green English tapestry. Price .....\$124.00

THREE-PIECE BIRCH MAHOGANY SUITE, in tapestry. Price .....\$52.50

THREE-PIECE SUITE, in birch mahogany frames, upholstered in silk tapestry. Price is .....\$47.50

THREE-PIECE SUITE, in birch mahogany frames, upholstered in Genoa velvet. Price is .....\$45.00

THREE-PIECE BIRCH MAHOGANY SUITE, in red silk tapestry. Price \$42.50

FIVE-PIECE SUITE, in solid quartered oak, comprising 1 settee, 1 arm chair, 1 rocker and 2 reception chairs, upholstered in best horsehide (red.) Price... ..\$145.00

## Odd Pieces Suitable for Drawing Room, Library or Den

SOLID MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, of Colonial type, upholstered in silk tapestry. Price is .....\$60.00

"FIRESIDE" EASY CHAIR, upholstered in silk brocade. Price .....\$60.00

"CHIPPENDALE" MAHOGANY SETTEE, in "Arras" Tapestry. Price ... \$120.00

PIANO BOX DIVAN, upholstered in green silk. Price .....\$67.50

MAHOGANY ROCKER, in Red English Tapestry. Price .....\$32.50

MAHOGANY ROMAN CHAIR, in silk brocade. Price .....\$28.00

SOLID MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in Red English Tapestry. Price .....\$27.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in green tapestry. Price .....\$26.00

ARM RECEPTION CHAIRS, in Genoa velvet, birch mahogany frames. Price \$24.00

SOLID MAHOGANY RECEPTION CHAIR, upholstered seat and back, in silk brocade. Price .....\$30.00

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, in green silk. Price .....\$22.50

ARM CHAIR, in birch mahogany, with tapestry-covered seat. Price .....\$22.50

RECEPTION CHAIR, in silk tapestry, with birch mahogany frame. Price .....\$21.00

"COLONIAL" ARM CHAIR, in mahogany, with tapestry-covered seat. Price .. \$21.00

"CRESCENT" EASY CHAIRS, upholstered in fine brocade. Price .....\$35.00

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, with tapestry-covered seats. Price .... \$20.00

ARM CHAIR, in silk brocade, birch mahogany frame. Price .....\$18.50

MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in red tapestry. Price .....\$18.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, in silk brocade. Price .....\$18.50

"CORNER" CHAIRS, in green silk, birch mahogany frames. Price .....\$17.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, upholstered in green repp. Price .....\$17.50

MAHOGANY ARM CHAIRS, upholstered in silk taborette. Price .....\$17.50

MAHOGANY RECEPTION CHAIRS, in silk brocade. Price .....\$16.50

BIRCH MAHOGANY ARM CHAIR, in red tapestry. Price .....\$14.50

MAHOGANY RECEPTION CHAIR, with brocade covered seat. Price .....\$13.50

ARM CHAIR, in green silk, birch mahogany frame. Price .....\$17.50

MAHOGANY RECEPTION CHAIRS, with seats covered in Moquette. Price .. \$12.50

## High Grade Drawing Room Suites

LOUIS XVI. THREE-PIECE SUITE, in solid mahogany, frames upholstered in cream silk brocade. Price .....\$212.00

THREE-PIECE "ROCOO" DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in brocade of the period. Price is .....\$160.00

TWO-PIECE "CHIPPENDALE" SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in cream silk brocade. Price .....\$160.00

THREE-PIECE SOLID MAHOGANY CHIPPENDALE SUITE, upholstered in red silk moire. Price .....\$130.00

THREE-PIECE "COLONIAL" DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in silk brocade. Price .....\$127.00

No. 443—"COLONIAL" THREE-PIECE SUITE, of solid mahogany frames, upholstered in green silk. Price .....\$125.00

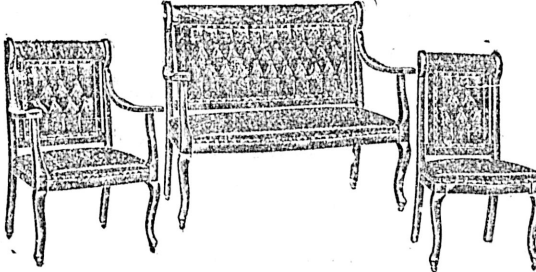
No. 317—BIRCH MAHOGANY THREE-PIECE SUITE, in silk tapestry. Price is .....\$72.50

No. 31-285—BIRCH MAHOGANY THREE-PIECE SUITE, in red brocade. Price \$72.00

No. 5206—FIVE-PIECE BIRCH MAHOGANY SUITE, in green tapestry of German design. Price .....\$57.50

THREE-PIECE "SHERATON" SUITE, in solid mahogany frames, upholstered in brocade of conventional design. Price \$130.00

No. 31—BIRCH MAHOGANY THREE-PIECE SUITE, in silk tapestry. Price is ... ..\$68.50



## Dinner Wagons and Serving Tables

SOLID QUARTERED OAK DINNER WAGON, in Early English, size of top is 50 in. x 20 in., has two small drawers and one large drawer. Price .....\$28.00

SOLID QUARTERED OAK DINNER WAGON, in the golden finish, same size as above. Price .....\$28.00

GOLDEN OAK DINNER WAGON, same size as above. Price .....\$24.00

EARLY ENGLISH DINNER WAGON, with 16 in. x 40 in. top and two drawers, and three shelves. Price .....\$24.00

SOLID QUARTERED OAK DINNER WAGONS, with 17 in. x 42 in. top. Price is .....\$20.00

GOLDEN OAK DINNER WAGONS, with 16 in. x 38 in. top and one drawer. Price is .....\$15.50

MASSIVELY BUILT DINNER WAGON, in the golden finish. Price .....\$24.00

DINNER WAGONS, in the golden finish, with two drawers. Price .....\$20.00

GOLDEN OAK DINNER WAGONS, with 17 in. x 42 in. top and one long drawer. Price is .....\$15.50

SERVING TABLE, in the Early English. Price .....\$11.00

Queen Quality Boots for Women.

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